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In West Berlin

Youths set fire to Reichstag

WEST BERLIN, March 14 (R) — A group of suspected radicals tried to set fire to the old Reichstag (Parliament) building in West Berlin during the night as serious street violence raged in various parts of the city, police said Saturday.

A spokesman said three youths smashed in glass entry doors to the building with sammers, poured petrol over the floor of the foyer and ignited it before attempting to flee. Two of them were caught but the third escaped. Carpeting and part of an exhibition were burnt but the fire was extinguished before it caused serious damage, the spokesman said.

The Reichstag was gutted in February 1933 which Hitler used as an excuse to suppress the Communist Party and imprison its members. Badly damaged during World War I, the building, situated next to the Berlin Wall, was restored in the 1960 and is used as a conference center and museum.

The police said the youths, who were not identified, were believed to be connected with extremists among squatter groups occupying over 100 houses in the city. Other radical groups carried out 39 separate attacks in building throughout West Berlin during the night.

Police said fire bombs were thrown at a post office, a housing company office and excavation equipment belonging to building firms. Young people also smashed shop and office windows. Thousands of nails were strewn on the roads in front of police cars when they moved in to break up the rampaging groups, the spokesman said. He added that 28 persons had been arrested but that 18 of them had been released after questioning.

Friday night's unrest followed a call in the off-wing newspaper *Die Tageszeitung* for a

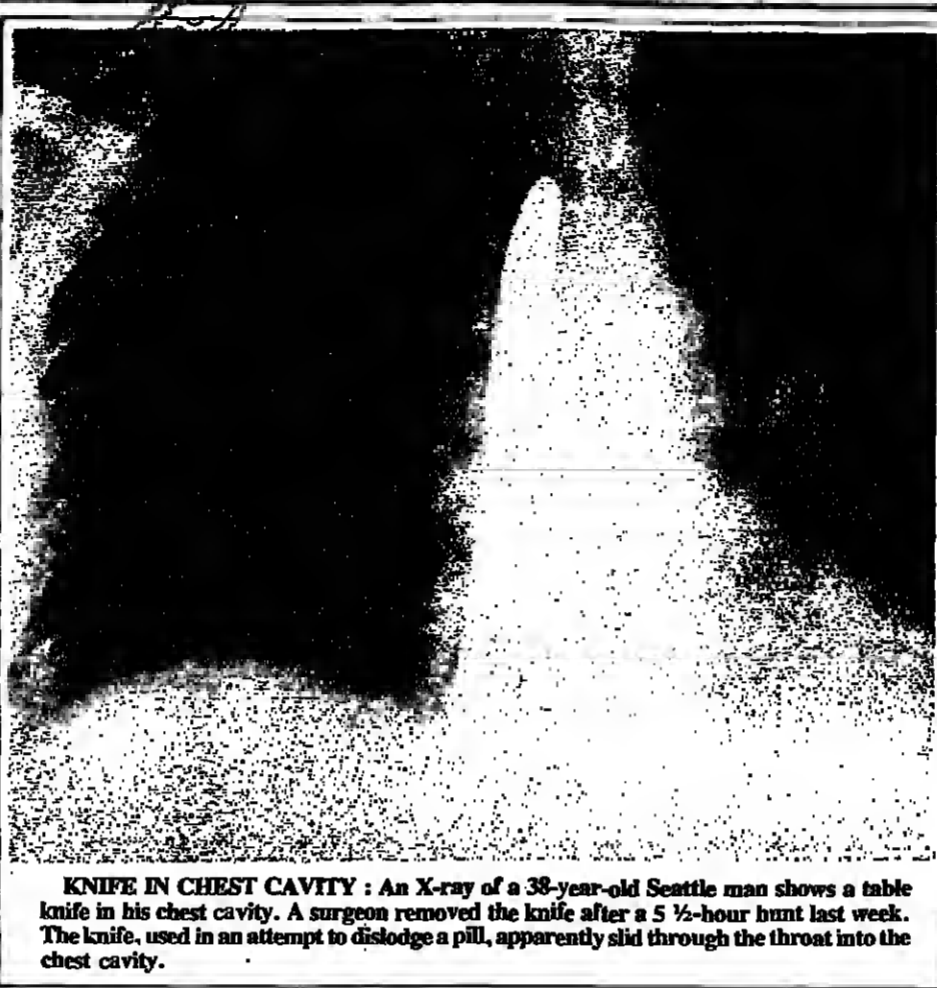
Giscard sees Schmidt today

PARIS, March 14 (R) — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and their respective foreign ministers will hold talks near Strasbourg, eastern France, Sunday covering relations with the United States, a presidential spokesman said Saturday.

The spokesman declined further details on the surprise meeting which was first announced Friday night by the French embassy in Bonn. The spokesman in Paris said foreign ministers Jean Francois-Poncet and Hans-Dietrich Genscher would report on their recent visits to Washington.

French officials consider their relations with the new Reagan administration to be good, but French and international press reports have spoken of strains between Bonn and Washington.

Some commentators in Paris say President d'Estaing is more in tune with current American thinking on taking a firm line toward the Soviet Union than Schmidt who is deeply concerned with maintaining open links with East Germany.



KNIFE IN CHEST CAVITY : An X-ray of a 38-year-old Seattle man shows a table knife in his chest cavity. A surgeon removed the knife after a 5 1/2-hour hunt last week. The knife, used in an attempt to dislodge a pill, apparently slid through the throat into the chest cavity.

Reagan's tax cut plan faces stiff opposition

WASHINGTON, March 14, (R) — President Ronald Reagan's drive for big cuts in government spending appears unstoppable in Congress, but his parallel proposal for sharp reductions in personal income taxes may be blocked or drastically revised.

This is the forecast from a wide range of Congressmen after nearly a month of reviewing the controversial program Reagan says is needed to combat what he calls the worst economic mess since the Great Depression.

The president completed his plan last week when he sent Congress a \$695.3 billion spending budget for the 1982 financial year starting October 1. The proposal, includes record spending cuts of \$55 billion from the estimated 1981 and 1982 budgets of former President Jimmy Carter.

In addition, Reagan wants \$9.7 billion in business tax reductions in the 1982 financial year. Administration spokesmen led by Budget Director David Stockman and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan have lobbied heavily in Congress to try to ensure the program is approved.

Stockman, at 34 the youngest U.S. cabinet member since the early days of the American Union, hammers home the same basic message on each of his many trips to Capitol Hill.

Adopt the program as a whole, he says, and the sluggish economy will perform virtual miracles in the years ahead. Inflation will drop from 11.1 per cent this year to 8.3 per cent next year. Unemployment will drop from 7.8 per cent to 7.2 per cent.

The stagnant economy will grow at a rate of 4.2 per cent next year instead of the 1.1 per cent rate this year. After 1982 the economy will make even more dramatic gains — or so the administration believes.

Congressmen have little quarrel with the huge spending reductions, and predict Reagan will win approval for many of his plans, although Congress may reduce the total sum and make changes in deciding which programs to cut. It is the sweeping tax plan of 10 per cent reductions for individuals in each of the next three years that troubles opposition Democrats, and even some Republicans. The proposed business tax cuts are generally not controversial.

Reagan argues that cutting the income tax rates, a step which will help the wealthy more than the poor, will improve the low rate of savings in the United States and thus provide more dollars for investment in new industrial plants. But Congressional critics say there is no solid evidence this will happen. They also say Reagan's economic outlook is in many respects based on wishful thinking rather than a solid economic foundation.

They note that the president's 1982 budget calls for a \$45 billion deficit and the tax cut plans will produce larger deficits in years ahead, not a balanced 1984 budget as Reagan predicts.

To be exchanged with hostages

Freed captives reach Aleppo

DAMASCUS, March 14 (Agencies) — A Pakistani plane carrying 54 prisoners to be exchanged for about 100 persons held hostage aboard a hijacked airliner touched down Saturday at the north Syrian city of Aleppo, a Syrian spokesman said.

After a medical and identity checks, the detainees were due to be transferred to a Syrian plane to be flown to Libya, Pakistan's ambassador to Damascus, Sarfraz Khan, told reporters.

When the prisoners arrive in Libya, the three gunmen who have held the passengers and crew of the hijacked Pakistan International Airways plane for 12 days will free their captives, the ambassador said. The Syrian spokesman said it would take a few hours to complete the medical and identity checks.

The Boeing-720 aircraft has been at Damascus airport since Monday. It had previously been forced to fly to Kahul after being commandeered on an internal Pakistan flight.

Just before a deadline set by the heavily-armed gunmen was due to expire Thursday evening, the Pakistan government announced it was prepared to release the detainees. The gunmen said they wanted the prisoners to be sent to Libya. But it took all day Friday to secure permission from the Libyans and then assemble the prisoners in one place.

Talks were conducted with the hijackers via the airport control tower. Pakistan says one of the 55 prisoners demanded by the gunmen cannot be found.

The plane carrying the detainees from Pakistan was delayed for several hours overnight at Karachi airport. Pakistani sources said this was because some of the prisoners did not want to be flown to Libya. Ambassador Khan said the Syrians would check the identities of the prisoners at Aleppo airport to ensure that they were the ones demanded by the gunmen. The Pakistani defense attache in Damascus would also be present.

At the airport, a fleet of ambulances was waiting to receive the exhausted passengers and crew, some of whom were reported to be sick as they entered their 13th day of captivity.

Gen. Muhammad Rahim Khan who also is chairman of the Pakistan International Airways, along with a number of senior officials of the foreign ministry, defense ministry and PIA, the sources said.

Once the identity of the freed prisoners was established, the team of Pakistani officials flew to Damascus aboard a Syrian Airways jetliner. The prisoners' plane was staying behind in Aleppo, the sources said.

The Pakistani officials were due to board the hijacked PIA jetliner in Damascus to assure the three heavily-armed hijackers that their demand for the release of fellow dissidents from prison in Pakistan has been carried out, the sources said.

When the assurance is made by the Pakistani delegation and corroborated by Syrian intermediaries, the hijackers were to allow the hostages, who include three Americans, to leave the hijacked aircraft after their 13 days in captivity, according to the sources.

The commandeered aircraft will then take off with the official Pakistani delegation becoming hostage itself until the aircraft landed in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. The prisoners' plane was then to take off simultaneously from Aleppo to link up with the hijackers in Tripoli, the sources added.

Details of the swap were worked out by a team of senior security officers from Syrian President Hafez Assad's government in six days of hard negotiations since the hijackers ordered the plane flown to the Syrian capital Monday after a week-long stay at Kabul airport, Afghanistan.

Eyewitnesses said in Karachi scuffles broke out between the security forces and some of the freed detainees, whose hands were untied when they boarded the plane.

Some of the prisoners protested that they did not want to leave Pakistan but security men overpowered them and tied their hands again to prevent further fights, the eyewitnesses said. Some of the prisoners sang freedom songs, while others looked gloomy, the witnesses added.

Shahid Orakzai, *Arab News* correspondent in a dispatch from Rawalpindi said that although the names of the released prisoners were not made public, sources close to defunct-Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said they included Dr. Ghulam Hussain, the secretary-general of PPP and some other party officials facing murder trial in connection with an incident in 1973 in which 13 persons were killed when PPP supporters attacked an opposition rally at Rawalpindi. Outlawed People's Party whose military wing "Al-Zulfikar" claimed responsibility for the hijacking is facing a lot of condemnation at home and may even be expelled from recently-formed opposition alliance.

Haig: Summit not imminent

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Agencies) — A summit between the presidents of the United States and the Soviet Union is unlikely in the near future. But talks at the ambassadorial level on a wide range of issues will begin soon.

Indicating this here, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said President Ronald Reagan would respond in due time to the Soviet call for a summit after coordinating a position with Washington's allies. He said the Soviets could anticipate the timing of a summit by withdrawing their 85,000 troops from Afghanistan.

He told reporters Friday that any talks in the near future "will clearly not be summits. We have to ascertain whether or not the (Soviet) behavior problems which are of such concern to us are going to moderate or continue on." President Leonid Brezhnev called for a summit at the recent Soviet Communist Party congress and repeated the suggestion in a letter sent to Reagan and other Western leaders last week.

"I would anticipate talks, as distinct from negotiations, to occur promptly," he said.

They would probably begin in Washington with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin because the administration had not yet appointed its envoy to Moscow.

Haig indicated he thought Brent Scowcroft, a retired brigadier general and national security adviser to President Ford, would be a good choice as U.S. Ambassador in Moscow.

Haig said the United States wanted the Soviet Union to "withdraw, totally withdraw, everybody out" of Afghanistan. A pullout would be a major factor in improving the climate, but is not a precondition for a summit, he said.

He said there is a global consensus that the Soviets must withdraw all their troops, not just some of them. "What we are looking for is a reversal of Soviet illegal interventionism," Haig said.

The Secretary of state said he will attend the NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels in May. He is now planning to travel to the Middle East in April, a trip he said is intended to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to peace talks and also to discuss security for the region.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Brussels that NATO will soon give its initial reply to proposals made by the Soviet president at the Moscow Communist congress last month, diplomats said Friday. Besides expressing a desire for an early summit meeting with Reagan, Brezhnev had proposed a moratorium on the stationing of new medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe and offered to extend Soviet military confidence-building measures to the entire European territory of the Soviet Union.

The diplomats said in Brussels the 15-nation Western alliance was still studying Brezhnev's speech and analysing the slightly different explanatory letters sent to Western capitals this month. But they said the alliance wanted to make its views known before the next NATO ministerial meeting in Rome in May in order to counter Soviet suggestions that the West was not interested in peace moves.

The initial NATO answer might take the form of a statement by Secretary-General Joseph Luns. He is expected to say that the Soviet Union must show restraint in world affairs and that NATO would support a Soviet-U.S. summit provided it promised concrete results, the diplomats said.

Russia says U.S. has 'brain' drug

MOSCOW, March 14 (AFP) — The U.S. is conducting dangerous studies into the possibility of "paralyzing" the human brain through drugs or chemicals, to make men perform military tasks, *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, a Soviet party paper, charged Saturday.

A vast program had been underway since 1967, directed by the central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Pentagon, to "find ways of influencing the human brain, with the final goal being to turn a man into a robot," it said. Researchers were trying to find drugs or

chemicals capable of "paralyzing a man's consciousness to make him carry out military actions."

"A laboratory-tested appliance is ready to be used which would enable the human consciousness to be subjected to the orders of a computer," the paper added. Several prestigious universities were taking part in the studies, which were financed by the U.S. Defense Department, according to *Sovetskaya Rossiya*. If successful, the research could lead to "a totally new concept in warfare," the newspaper said.

Bani-Sadr sets terms for TV debate

TEHRAN, March 14 (AFP) — President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Saturday accepted a challenge to take part in public television debate on a bloody skirmish between his supporters and Islamic fundamentalists at a meeting he addressed at Tehran University March 5.

His office added that his participation in the debate, proposed by state television last Thursday, would be on condition that three other major political figures also took part.

These were Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, Supreme Court president Ayatollah Seyed Muhammad Beheshti and parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Saturday's announcement came as Ayatollah Khomeini met at a Tehran mosque with senior clergy, MPs, soldiers wounded in the war with Iraq, and the governor of Khuzestan province where fighting has raged.

Reagan may give CIA more powers

By Robert Jackson and Ronald Ostrow

WASHINGTON (LAT) — A top CIA official has predicted that President Ronald Reagan would issue a directive enabling U.S. federal agents to engage in counter-intelligence activities in the United States with fewer legal restrictions.

In making his prediction, Adm. Bobby Inman, CIA deputy director, said that he was not raising "the specter of a U.S. intelligence agency spying on its citizens." Although Inman would not say what restrictions would be eased, it was learned that a draft directive, which is being circulated among officials in the CIA, the Department of Justice and the National Security Agency, would cut back on the powers of the attorney general to act as an executive-branch watchdog over U.S. intelligence agencies.

Jerry Derman, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, took a dim view of the proposed changes. "If promulgated, they represent a significant and dangerous expansion of CIA authority to spy on innocent Americans and corporations in the United States," he said.

A government source, however, said, "The feeling within high levels of this administration is that there has been too much regulation (of the intelligence community)."

Referring to executive orders issued by former presidents Ford and Carter, the source added: "The attorney general has become too involved with intelligence policy instead of restricting himself to matters of law, everyone has the same goal here: making it possible for the intelligence community to do its work." He said that Attorney General William French Smith "is sympathetic with these aims."

Japan to market internal organs

SINGAPORE, March 14 (AFP) — A Japanese medical firm is planning to use Singapore as a springboard to sell artificial internal organs to Europe, Africa, and west and southeast Asia by the mid-1980's. Japan Medical Supply, which manufactures a wide range of medical equipment, has set up operations here under a 10-year pioneer scheme to develop the medical equipment and supply industry.

The plant will produce drip-feed equipment for blood and other solutions, and food bags, in the third quarter of this year. By 1983 the plant will move into its second phase producing disposable injection needles and syringes, and in 1985 it will manufacture internal organs.

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From 11 to 48 per cent

Public employees get pay raise

By Adnan Sadeq and Muhammad Al Qabntani

RIYADH, March 14 — Salaries of public employees in the Kingdom will be increased by 11 to 48 per cent according to the recommendations of a special advisory committee set up by the council of ministers.

Junior employees will get as much as 48.94 per cent while others will get as much as 11.11 per cent. An announcement to this effect is expected to be made soon, informed sources told *Arab News*.

A travelling allowance of SR600 will be fixed for those in the seventh to 14th grades, and cancelled for those in the 15th. Annual

increments may be reduced thereafter, the sources said. But the reduction may be offset by the increase in the basic pay.

The new pay scale will take effect from the beginning of the next financial year, in three months time. Below are the tables for the employees.

Grade	Scale										Increment	Transport Allowance
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875	1950	2025	2100	2175	75	400
2	1800	1890	1980	2070	2160	2250	2340	2430	2525	2610	90	400
3	2100	2205	2310	2415	2520	2625	2730	2835	2940	3045	105	400
4	2450	2575	2700	2825	2950	3075	3200	3325	3450	3575	125	400
5	2850	2985	3120	3255	3390	3525	3660	3795	4010	4155	165	600
6	3300	3465	3630	3795	3960	4125	4290	4455	4620	4785	190	600
7	3800	3910	4180	4370	4560	4750	4940	5130	5320	5510	220	600
8	4400	4620	4840	5060	5280	5500	5720	5940	6160	6380	255	600
9	5100	5255	5610	5865	6120	6275	6620	6885	7140	7315	215	600
10	5900	6195	6410	6785	7080	7275	7670	7965	8260	8555	240	600
11	6800	7140	7480	7820	8160	8500	8840	9180	9520		395	600
12	7900	8295	8690	9085	9480	9875	10270	10665			455	600
13	9100	9555	10010	10465	10920	11275	11830				525	600
14	10500	11025	11550	12075	12600	13125					675	
15	13500	14175	14850	15525	16200							

Grade	Scale															Increment	Transport Allowance
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
31	950	1,045	1,100	1,115	1,170	1,225	1,280	1,335	1,390	1,445	1,500					55	400
32	1,400	1,470	1,540	1,610	1,680	1,750	1,820	1,890	1,960	2,020	2,100					70	400
33	2,000	2,090	2,180	2,270	2,360	2,450	2,540	2,630	2,720	2,810	2,900	3,080	3,170	3,260	90	100	

Agricultural study focuses on soil quality

RIYADH, March 14 — The Ministry of Agriculture has completed studies to form a number of companies in various parts of the country which aim at the development of farming by highlighting soil suitability. Official sources told *Arab News* Saturday. The ministry experts will then evaluate the potential of the land for further development.

The studies have been seen and approved by the Minister, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh, who ordered them in the first place and encouraged the creation of these companies to handle some of the large scale projects.

The committee in charge of the studies will draw up the rules and regulations for the companies and announce them for the benefit of businessmen and investors interested in agriculture and those who wish to take part in these projects as investment opportunities.

Development of agriculture and water resources has received high priority in government policies and programs with the objective of diversifying the Kingdom's economy and reducing its dependence on imported agricultural products. According to

the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agencies 1979 annual report, this is reflected in the more than sixfold rise in budgetary allocations for these sectors from SR1.4 billion in 1974/75 to SR8.25 billion in 1978/79 and SR8.67 billion in 1979/80.

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COMMENT

By Ali Hafiz

Al Bilad

During my visit to Medina last week, I heard many people say that the municipality asks everyone intending to build a house to make the roof pyramid-shaped. I also heard many who are not in favor of the idea remark that the Medinans love to sleep on the roofs in open air and pleasant moderate climate, which can never be compensated by air conditioners.

Once I read in a magazine that living under a pyramid roof has many advantages — hygienic, economic and mental. It seems the writer exaggerated his points in enumerating the advantages of living under a conical roof. Personally, I do not believe it, but consider it a kind of superstition. I don't think there is any link between the pyramid-shaped roof and the level of life a man lives.

I quite remember those days when we used to sleep on the roofs. I also have a vivid memory of those days when we used to carry the little ones up on the roof and place clay water jugs near every bed. The cool breeze used to make its water as cold as today's refrigerated water. We used to lay our mattresses and pillows on the roof just after the sunset. In the morning, sometimes we brought them down or, just out of laziness, left them on the roof so other elderly members completed what we left unfinished. Sometimes, we even used to fold our beds and leave them on coots with a bedsheet on.

Those were the days when we used to have good, sound sleep on our housetops. Still, many people in Medina maintain the old habit and enjoy a good sleep on the roofs.

I hope the municipality would not deprive us of this pleasure. One day we hope to return to Medina to be able to enjoy this bliss with other Medinans.

Horse artist featured China cultural festival planned for Jeddah



PAINTING: Gen. Yeh Tsui-Pai, who is well known as a celestial horse painter, will give a demonstration of painting. Shown is one of his works.

The Republic of China's Food and Cultural Festival is jointly sponsored by the Chinese Embassy here and Al-Badr Sheraton Hotel with the participation of several Chinese firms, including SINOTECH Engineering Consultant Co., RET-SER Engineering Agency, BES Engineering Corp., the China Airlines and the Shangri-La Restaurant.

A major feature of the festival will be an exhibition of art objects, Chinese opera masks, Chinese traditional music instruments, puppets and dolls in traditional Chinese costumes, postage stamps and posters which is to present a comprehensive view of both ancient and modern China.

Most of the objects on display will be artifacts and replicas of the masterpieces selected from the collections of the National Museum of History in Taipei, including bronzes, ceramics, porcelain, calligraphy and paintings some of which date back to the Chou Dynasty (1122-221 B.C.).

There also will be a demonstration of the arts of Chinese painting by Gen. Yeh Tsui-Pai who is well known as a celestial horse painter.

The 72-year-old retired general will make a public show of how Chinese painting is being drawn in addition to displaying some 100 pieces of his works.

Another major feature of the festival is, of course, Chinese cuisine. A variety of Chinese dishes will be prepared at Sheraton main restaurant, the coral, by four Chinese chefs on loan from Shangri-La Restaurant in Jeddah.

The restaurant is undergoing a redecoration for the special occasion. A Chinese-style gate structure will be erected at the entrance of the exhibition halls to greet the visitors, and all the tables will be adorned with Chinese decorations.

On each table, there will also be a pair of table-size Chinese and Saudi national flags, a

special menu containing an introduction by Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi, and souvenirs, including chopsticks, international time dials and keyholders.

Arrangements are being made for a play of Chinese music to add to the harmonic Chinese atmosphere.

For those who patronize the restaurant during the festival, there will be a chance of winning a free trip to the Republic of China. The China Airlines is to offer two roundtrip air tickets to Taipei as prizes to the customers.

In addition, the hotel is to show on its close-circuit TV system a series of films about China's ancient civilization and modern reconstruction during the festival. Among the films to be shown are "The Other Faces of Taiwan", "Three Decades Toward the Miracle", "Chinese Folk Arts" and "Masterpieces of the Chinese Art".

Mining company meets

AMMAN, March 14 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Arab Mining Corporation will begin meeting here Monday for two days to review the company's projects from last year as well as its next phase. In addition, reports will be heard from various member countries. The member countries include Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq, United Arab Emirates and Libya.

Steel seminar to open

DOHA, March 14 (SPA) — A two-day seminar on a development strategy for the iron and steel industry in Gulf states will open here Tuesday. The seminar is organized by the Gulf Organization for Industrial Investment.

It will assess the iron and steel production of Gulf countries and forecast supply and demand till 1995. Investment perspectives in joint ventures will be identified.

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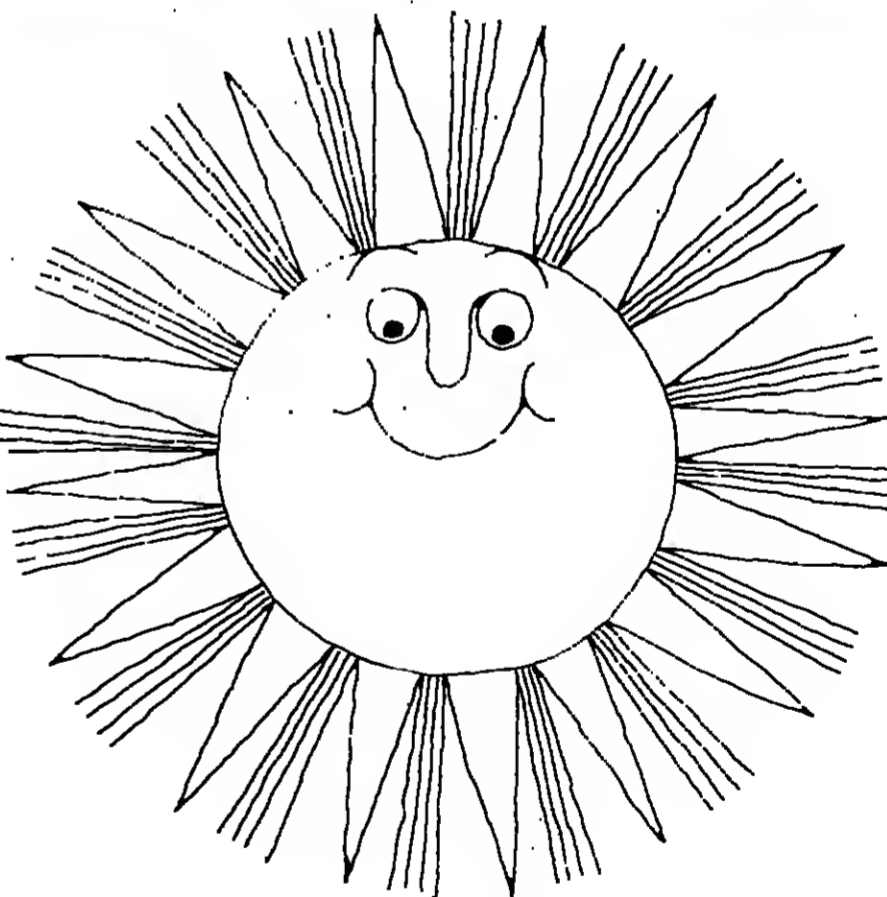


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KAU medical conference to open 1,000 to attend

JEDDAH, March 14 — Mecca Governor Prince Majed will attend Sunday the opening ceremony of the medical conference organized by the King Abdul Aziz University to which 1,000 national and foreign doctors have been invited. Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al Jazaeri, the Higher Education Minister Hassan Al Sbeikh, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi and University Rector Dr. Abdullah Nasif also will attend.

Later in the evening Dr. Nasif will host a dinner at the Meridien hotel for all the guests.

The conference, which will be held at the Abd Research Center, is the sixth of its kind to be organized by the faculty of medicine except that this one will be much bigger and wider in scope. Professors of medicine from Saudi Arabian universities, the Health Ministry, the Defense Ministry and others interested in medical research will take part.

The move is part of the government and the university's efforts to improve the standard of medical research and study in the country as an attempt to raise the standards and learn from others about the latest techniques and advances made so far.

The first and second meetings were organized individually by medical organizations in the Kingdom. The university organized the third meeting, followed by the fourth in Dammam and the fifth in Riyadh. Professors and scientists from the U.S., Europe, and Canada as well as from Middle Eastern medical centers and colleges will present papers and take part in seminars.

The Dean of the Medical Faculty, Dr. Fuad al-Sharan, said the aim of the conference "is to



Prince Majed



Dr. Hussein Jazaeri

raise the standards of medical education and lend support to scientific research here." The research papers expected to be read will deal

with cancer, blood, diabetes, the heart, children's diseases, urinary tracts and other ailments arising from the local environment.

With Kingdom

Indonesian envoy praises relations

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — The Indonesian ambassador to the Kingdom, Tekno Muhammad Tayeb, commended the resolutions of the third Islamic Summit conference of Mecca in January. The ambassador said Saturday that the summit was given supreme importance by beginning at the holy Kaaba.

He added that the Kingdom's great preparations and facilities had contributed to the success of the conference.

Ambassador Tayeb reiterated his country's support to Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad (holy struggle) to regain the abducted rights. The ambassador said that his country lines with other Islamic countries in mobilizing all its potentials for the benefit of the Islamic community and to restore its glory and sovereignty.

He stressed the importance of promoting cooperation in the fields of economy, culture and social affairs, and working to revive the Islamic spirit inside Muslim societies.

Referring to Saudi-Indonesian relations, Ambassador Tayeb described it as "very good" and has been so for a long time. Indonesia is bound by spiritual and fraternal relations with the Kingdom. His country observes with admiration Saudi Arabia's efforts in support of Islamic causes, anywhere and its efforts to achieve Islamic solidarity, the ambassador said.

He added that Indonesia is keen to expand its commercial and cultural relations with the Kingdom. Indonesian ships have begun calling on Dammam port and will reach Jeddah in the near future, he said. The ambassador also referred to the Islamic Economic and Cultural Committee's forthcoming meeting in Jakarta, March 30, and said that it will discuss the future relations among Islamic countries and implementing the resolutions of the Islamic summit.

ence of foreign ministers in Baghdad next May.

The committee was set up by a resolution of the Third Islamic Summit which met in Saudi Arabia in January. The summit decided that the ISF's budget should not be less than \$50 million.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq and the Comoro Islands are the members of the committee.

Prayer Times

	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Baraidah	Tabuk
Sunday	5.05	5.06	4.37	4.24	4.49	5.19
Fajr (Dawn)	6.30	6.31	6.02	5.49	6.14	6.44
Ishraq (Sunrise)	12.30	12.30	12.02	11.49	12.13	12.43
Dbuhr (Noon)	3.54	3.56	3.27	3.14	3.38	4.08
Assr (Evening)	6.31	6.32	6.03	5.49	6.14	6.43
Maghreb (Sunset)	8.01	8.02	7.33	7.19	7.44	8.13
Isha (Night)						

Spanish Muslims seek aid for mosque

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, March 14 — Spanish Muslim officials recently visited Saudi Arabia to submit proposals to various institutions for aid in building a mosque for Spanish Muslims.

Muhammad Rafiq, secretary of the Society for the Return of Islam to Spain, and Muhammad Ali, a Spanish Muslim leader, visited the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Islamic Solidarity Fund, Muslim World League in Mecca and other Muslim organizations. The prospective mosque would be located in Granada, where Spain's largest concentration of Muslims is

During recent visit

located.

The proposed mosque in Granada will have a Koran and Arabic school, clinics, a shop for meat slaughtered the Islamic way, a lecture hall, several projection halls, a publication office and a gymnasium for sports and martial arts to make the community self-sustaining in its needs. A 2,140 square-meter land plot has been offered by the Spanish government for the purpose. The project will cost about 75 million pesetas or SR 2,970,000.

The mosque was not the only project for which the two Muslim leaders were raising funds in Saudi Arabia last week. Their society also has a wing called Nur Al-Andalus Publ-

ishing Company, for the publication and printing of Islamic literature. It needs funds totalling some \$410,960 for the infrastructure and for version of the Holy Koran to be translated in Spanish by Muslims. The estimates include the purchase of printing equipment including machines and teletransportation, and the taxes paid to the government. The publication of 10,000 Koran copies would cost \$190,000, but if 100,000 copies were printed, the cost would be brought down to only \$6 per copy. A video and audio visual center project would also cost \$39,960 for supplying documentaries on Islam to Spanish TV.

Production 'almost identical'

Gulf war causes no problems for oil firm

JEDDAH, March 14 — Production for the Arabian Oil Company in the offshore region of the Saudi-Kuwait Neutral Zone hasn't changed despite the Gulf War, Saudi Business magazine reported Saturday.

Production from the Japanese-owned company is "almost exactly identical" to last year's level, according to Ahmad Al-Zamil, Saudi deputy minister of petroleum for technical affairs.

With other Gulf producers stepping in to fill the breach left in supply made by the Iran-Iraq war, the oil industry expected output from the Neutral Zone to increase by as much as 50,000 bpd. From two-thirds to three-fourths of the Neutral Zone's estimated 600,000 bpd production capacity is had by AOC.

Present output of 400,000 bpd by AOC is less than the company could produce. It has averaged 435,000 as far back as 1973, and set a monthly production record of 470,000 bpd in December, 1972.

Output from the combined onshore and offshore facilities has drifted from as high as 572,000 bpd in March, 1980 down to 479,000 bpd in September, and back again to 531,000 bpd in October. Indeed, the increase from September to October coincides with and probably resulted from the escalation of the Iraq-Iran conflict.

The fact that output was never boosted to capacity reflects the world crude glut in general and the decline in importance of the

Murderer beheaded

NAJRAN, March 14 (SPA) — A man was beheaded here Friday for premeditated murder. An Interior Ministry statement said Muhammad ibn Mansour Karban Al-Yami was beheaded after the noon prayers for the premeditated and unwarranted murder of Saleh ibn Hussein Ghoolan Al-Yami.

The killer had fled, but security forces managed to arrest him and he confessed his crime, the statement said.

Neutral Zone as a supplier to Japan, not to mention of course that the shortfall from the Gulf war was being made up elsewhere in the Gulf.

During the first quarter of 1980, while Japan was cutting crude imports overall, by 5.7 per cent, the Neutral Zone's share diminished not only in barrel terms, falling from 366,000 to 228,000 bpd, but in percentage also, from 7.3 per cent to 4.8 per cent of Japan's total imports.

That absolute decline may be explained by the fact that, now that the world intends to use less petroleum, heavy crudes will be the first dispensed with. The largest reserves of oil in the Neutral Zone are AOC's Khafji

Crude.

The Japanese aren't ones to burn their bridges, however. The most recent evidence of this was the replacement of one of AOC's floating loading terminals in December with a model capable of handling tankers up to 300,000 dwt. Although the 54-foot draft limit and 45,000 barrel per hour loading rate are unchanged, the increase in permissible tanker size is an expansion in relative loading capacity.

Even if the amount of AOC's oil that Japan uses is shrinking, the company's owners have no cause for complaint. The publicly traded company has been Japan's most profitable for five years running.

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Singapore to chair U.N. talks on sea law

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (AP) — Ambassador Tommy T.B. Koh of Singapore has been elected president of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea to succeed Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka, deceased.

His election came at the second meeting of the 10th session of the seven-year-old conference, which began Monday but then was suspended while delegates negotiated on a successor for Amerasinghe.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, calling the meeting to order, informed the conference Friday that all regional groups had agreed to the selection of Koh to chair the conference. "I hope that under his leadership," Waldheim said, "the conference will succeed in drafting a convention whose importance I do not have to stress."

The object of the conference is to draw up a general treaty, or convention, covering all aspects of the law of the sea.

Koh, his election accomplished by a burst of applause, took the rostrum, spoke briefly and concluded by saying: "Let all delegations, without a single exception, join in our collective efforts to conclude and adopt a generally acceptable convention this year."

That remark seemed directed mainly at the delegation of the United States, which indicated at one point that it was against finishing the treaty at the current session, which will end either April 17 or April 24.



CHILD'S FUNERAL: A casket containing the body of 13-year-old Curtis Walker, the latest victim in the murdered and missing Atlanta children cases, is carried from the child's home in Atlanta Wednesday.

Italian child killed Reagan grants aid to Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia, March 14 (AP) — The 22nd child was added to Atlanta's list of slain and missing black children Friday as President Ronald Reagan announced he has approved the city's request for \$1.5 million to help pay the cost of investigating the murders.

Public safety commissioner Lee Brown said the case of 15-year-old Joseph Bell, who has been missing since March 3, becomes the second child currently on the list of those unaccounted for. Twenty other children have been slain. The Reagan administration on March 5 had sent \$997,000 in federal aid to Atlanta.

Joe Burton, chief medical examiner for suburban Dekalb county, said Thursday that seven of the slayings were similar and hinted that whoever was responsible was a "gentle killer." Burton said that the latest victim, 13-year-old Curtis Walker, like the six

youngsters before him, was asphyxiated.

Burton said neither Walker nor the others had been mutilated, and their remains showed no indication of violence or signs that they had resisted abduction. The only signs of injury to Walker's body, he said, were "indications of minimal trauma" to his neck and bruises and abrasions on the nose. The nose injuries indicated Walker was suffocated with an object other than fabric, he added.

Physical evidence found on Walker's body, including fibrous materials, lend credence to a theory that one person was responsible for the last seven killings.

Meanwhile, in Naples, Italy, Raffaella Esposito, 10, missing for two months and believed to have been kidnapped, was found dead in a country well Friday, police said. Police, meanwhile, reported that three children who disappeared in Taranto and Rome Thursday, may have been abducted.

In north Asia

Kim calls for peace zone

TOKYO, March 14 (AP) — North Korean President Kim Il Sung and the head of the Japan Socialist Party have agreed in Pyongyang that a non-nuclear peace zone should be established in north Asia, the official (North) Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) said Saturday.

Kim said his Communist Party would "wage a resolute struggle to create nuclear-free zones, peace zones in Korea and Japan and expand them to build an independent and peaceful new Asia free from nuclear weapons and war," KCNA reported.

The North Korean leader made his statement at a banquet given for Japan Socialist Party Chairman Ichio Asukata, who arrived in Pyongyang Friday as head of a nine-member mission. Asukata said in his speech

that the first purpose was to "give more concrete shape" to a communique signed between Pyongyang and the Japanese Socialists three years ago calling for a non-nuclear zone in north Asia.

Neither Japan nor North Korea possesses a nuclear capability, while the United States maintains a nuclear force in South Korea. KCNA said Kim and Asukata also lashed out at the United States and Japan for supporting South Korean President Chun doo-Hwan. Kim said South Korea's supporters are engaged in maneuvers to "aggravate the situation on the Korean peninsula to the extreme, while persisting in the 'two Koreas' policy."

Asukata criticized the Reagan regime which he said was obsessed with the idea of "politics by strength" and "domination by military strength."

Central Africans vote today for new president

BANGUI, March 14 (Agencies) — Eighteen months after the downfall of self-proclaimed Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa, Central Africans vote Sunday for a new president in the first election since 1964.

Outgoing President David Dacko, who came to power in September 1979 in a French-backed coup against Bokassa, is seeking a further six-year term as a nominee of the Central African Democratic Union (UDC). Dacko, 54, is likely to win an absolute majority of the estimated 800,000 votes required in the first ballot, Western diplomatic sources said here. First results are expected Tuesday.

Dacko's main opponent is Ange Patasse, who now leads the movement for the Liberation of the Central African People (MLPC). Bokassa, sentenced to death in absentia by Bangui's criminal court last year, is living in the Ivory Coast where he has been granted political asylum.

Dacko was the first president of the Central African Republic after independence from France in 1960. He was overthrown in a bloodless military coup on New Year's eve, 1966, led by Bokassa, then chief of staff of the armed forces. Nearly 2,000 French paratroopers have been stationed in the Central African Republic. Their presence is increasingly resented, especially among students and radical elements.

Opposition parties have accused France of trying to rig the elections in favor of Dacko. Four opposition leaders signed a joint statement recently alleging that French officials would "impose Dacko's rule by any means, including force."

The three other candidates in the presidential election, two are former members of Bokassa's government. The third, Abel Gomba, spent the last 18 years in exile in Benin, losing much of his support.

Botswana fears U.N. sanctions

GABORONE, Botswana, March 14 (AP) — Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe has said that economic sanctions against white-ruled South Africa would also hurt his country. "Sanctions against South Africa means sanction against Botswana because South Africa will then — without being deliberate — deny Botswana oil. Botswana relies on that country for its oil supply," Mogwe told a news conference here Friday.

Mogwe was commenting on a debate in the United Nations General Assembly all of last week which ended with resolutions calling for mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa unless it grants independence to Namibia.

Sanctions, however, would have to be approved by the U.N. Security Council, and the United States and other permanent Western members have indicated they will veto the resolutions when the council meets next month.

Brazil discounts report on coffee

RIO DE JANEIRO, March (R) — A spokesman for the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC) has discounted a report by U.S. researchers linking coffee-drinking with cancer of the pancreas.

He said the IBC, which implements Brazilian government coffee policy, knew of no harmful effects which could be attributed to coffee-drinking. The report by medical researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health said coffee-drinking might be the major cause of cancer of the pancreas, a gland near the stomach.

The IBC spokesman said Friday a number of scientific reports linking coffee to cancer in the past had never been proven.

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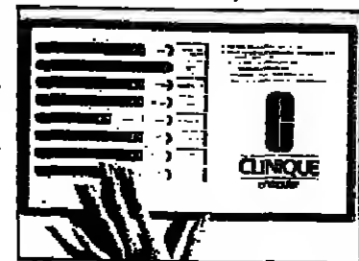


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By anti-Castro exiles

U.S. aides moot raids on Cuba

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — Several of U.S. President Reagan's advisers want to unleash anti-Castro Cubans for new raids on the island to pressure President Fidel Castro to cut his support for guerrilla movements in central America and Africa, sources said.

So far, their views have not hardened into proposals and are opposed by other administration officials as in violation of the neutrality principle.

"People are arguing both ways, and it's been going on since the presidential election campaign," one official, who insisted his name not be used, said Friday.

Reagan orders purchase of vital defense material

WASHINGTON, March 14 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has ordered the first purchase in more than 20 years of materials vital for maintaining U.S. defense and industrial production in the event of war. The president said Friday an initial \$100 million would be spent acquiring various critical materials for the U.S. strategic stockpile, including 62 minerals, metals and other commodities.

The new emphasis on updating the stockpile reflects the overall Reagan administration's philosophy of greater military preparedness. "It is now widely recognized that the United States is vulnerable to sudden shortages in basic raw materials that are necessary to the defense production base."



(AP photo) TAKES OFFICE: Augusto Pinochet takes a pledge to respect Chile's new constitution in Santiago Wednesday as he begins an eight-year term as president.

In 1961, after Castro's Marxist regime had taken hold in Havana, Cuban exiles launched an invasion to try to restore a pro-U.S. government to Havana. Congressional investigations of the unsuccessful landing at the Bay of Pigs showed the U.S. government has supported the operation.

Aid to anti-Castro exiles was discontinued. Now, however, some officials within the Central Intelligence Agency and elsewhere in the government "are out to unleash the exiles again," the official said. "These are people who want to put pressure on Castro. Others are arguing just as strongly the other way that

it would be foolish and in violation of neutrality."

So far, the official stressed, the discussion was entirely theoretical and no proposals had been formulated.

Cuban troops and advisers are instrumental in maintaining Marxist governments in Angola and Ethiopia and often act as surrogates for the Soviet Union in assisting anti-Western regimes. The Reagan administration has also accused Cuba of helping to arm leftist terrorists in El Salvador.

Meanwhile, efforts to topple Castro have failed. These included U.S.-backed campaigns to isolate Cuba politically and economically. Cuban exiles opposed to Castro have increased their military training activities in Florida. Photographs appeared late last year in Florida newspapers showing training camps in the Everglades.

Members of the groups have told federal officials they have no intention of invading Cuba.

Lisbon minister to meet with Haig

LISBON, March 14 (R) — Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira will meet U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington on March 25, a foreign ministry spokesman said. The meeting will take place during a three or four-day visit to Washington by Pereira for talks on bilateral relations and defense issues, the spokesman said Friday.

The foreign minister's trip will be the first top-level contact between Portugal's right-wing government and the Reagan administration. The United States has an air base in Portugal's Azores Islands and was expressed interest in obtaining further military facilities in Portugal, including bases for in-flight refueling aircraft and an aircraft carrier.

On March 29 the Portuguese foreign minister will begin a three-day visit to Egypt at the invitation of Egyptian foreign minister Kamal Hassan Ali, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will travel to France on Sunday for an unscheduled private meeting with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the French Embassy said in Bonn Friday. The two leaders met only last month for regular Franco-German talks. Since then, both countries' foreign ministers have held talks with the new Reagan administration in Washington.

These purchases of strategic materials, estimated initially at \$100 million, are a step to restructure the existing \$15 billion stockpile in critical areas of deficiency," Reagan said in a statement.

Administration officials estimated that over the next five years as much as \$2.5 billion might be spent on further stockpile acquisitions. They said cobalt, a metal needed for the production of aircraft engines and now imported mainly from African nations, would be a prime target of U.S. government buyers.

Other strategic minerals that might be purchased include titanium, tantalum and platinum-group metals, they said. President Reagan said recent congressional hearings had highlighted U.S. vulnerability to a cut-off in supplies of strategic minerals from unstable foreign sources. "This overdue addition to our stockpile constitutes a necessary hedge against any supply disruptions," he said.

He said the administration would also consider other measures to lessen U.S. vulnerability, including ways to expand domestic production of strategic minerals. The Reagan administration, for example, favors increased minerals exploration and development on the vast lands owned by the federal government.

Reagan said stockpile purchases would accelerate in future years as funds from sales of excess materials built up in the revolving fund used to finance acquisitions. Sales of surplus tin, tungsten and mercury already are taking place from the stockpile.

And administration officials said they would ask Congress to approve the disposal of 139 million troy ounces of silver which it no longer viewed as necessary to keep in the stockpile. The proposed silver sale is expected to arouse strong opposition in Congress, especially from conservative legislators who argue that the United States should be adding, not selling, silver to the stockpile.



(AP photo) AGREEMENTS SIGNED: U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau shake hands after the signing of agreements between their countries in Ottawa Wednesday. The documents were signed by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Canadian Secretary of State Mark MacGuigan.

U.S. affirms support for Spanish democracy

MADRID, March 14 (AP) — The U.S. Embassy here has branded as "a gross and malicious representation" published reports that the Reagan administration gave Spain's democratic government only lukewarm support during the crucial hours of an abortive right-wing military coup 19 days ago.

"The United States and Secretary Haig (Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig) have supported Spanish democracy for the last five years in every possible way and will continue to do so," a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman's statement followed criticism from Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez that the United States was slow in responding to the attempted coup. He said the tardy response was "inexplicable in democratic terms."

The embassy spokesman said Haig's statement to a reporter in Washington that it was "an internal matter" did not imply anything "whatsoever about U.S. support for Spanish democracy."

The spokesman said Haig "simply did not want to comment on the situation until he had the facts and 'any assertion that the U.S. government withheld support for democracy while it waited to see the outcome of the coup attempt is a gross and malicious representation.'"

U.S. officials said they did not plan to raise the matter of American-made tankers being ordered into the streets of Valencia, Spain's third biggest city, in apparent support of the coup. The Valencia region commander, Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans Del Bosch, has been indicted for military rebellion and ordered to stand trial.

The American officials said there was no official avenue to complain to the Spanish government because the M-47 tanks obviously were used without the permission of the Spanish government. A Spanish foreign ministry spokesman agreed.

The U.S. officials declined to discuss the possibility of raising the tanks issue in negotiations scheduled to begin this year on continuing U.S. military facilities at Spanish air and naval bases, or the possibility of another coup attempt.

Armed with guns, knives

Chinese flee to Hong Kong

HONG KONG, March 14 (AP) — Authorities in this British colony are concerned about rising incidents of illegal immigrants found armed with guns and knives as they attempt to flee China into Hong Kong.

Three cases of armed illegal immigrants were reported in the past week, sparking off fears of a crime wave among the thousands of Chinese living underground in Hong Kong's teeming metropolitan area.

The first report of border crashers carrying firearms was made on March 8 when police rounded up four Chinese escapees and seized a pistol, ammunition and some firecrackers. Two days later police caught another four illegal arrivals armed with a pistol and on Saturday it was reported that an arrested freedom seeker told police his compatriot who evaded the dragnet had a gun.

Police are reportedly investigating whether these armed intruders are new recruits of the "big circle gang," a large group of Chinese illegal immigrants who use firearms smuggled in from China to carry out crimes in Hong Kong. They are noted for daring robberies.

The number of illegal immigrants caught sneaking into Hong Kong has dropped drastically since this British colony stopped the so-called "touch base" policy last October, tightening regulations against illegal residents.

Before the scrapping of the "touch base" policy illegal arrivals who made it into the urban areas were allowed to apply for identity cards and permission to remain here. But with the new system the number of illegal immigrants caught a day has dropped to an average of 30, less than 10 per cent of those captured when the "touch base" policy was in force.

Chinese advised on conversing with foreigners

PEKING, March 14 (AP) — The Chinese newspaper Worker's Daily instructed its readers Saturday how to talk with foreigners. Don't ask their wages or ages, and don't reveal any state secrets.

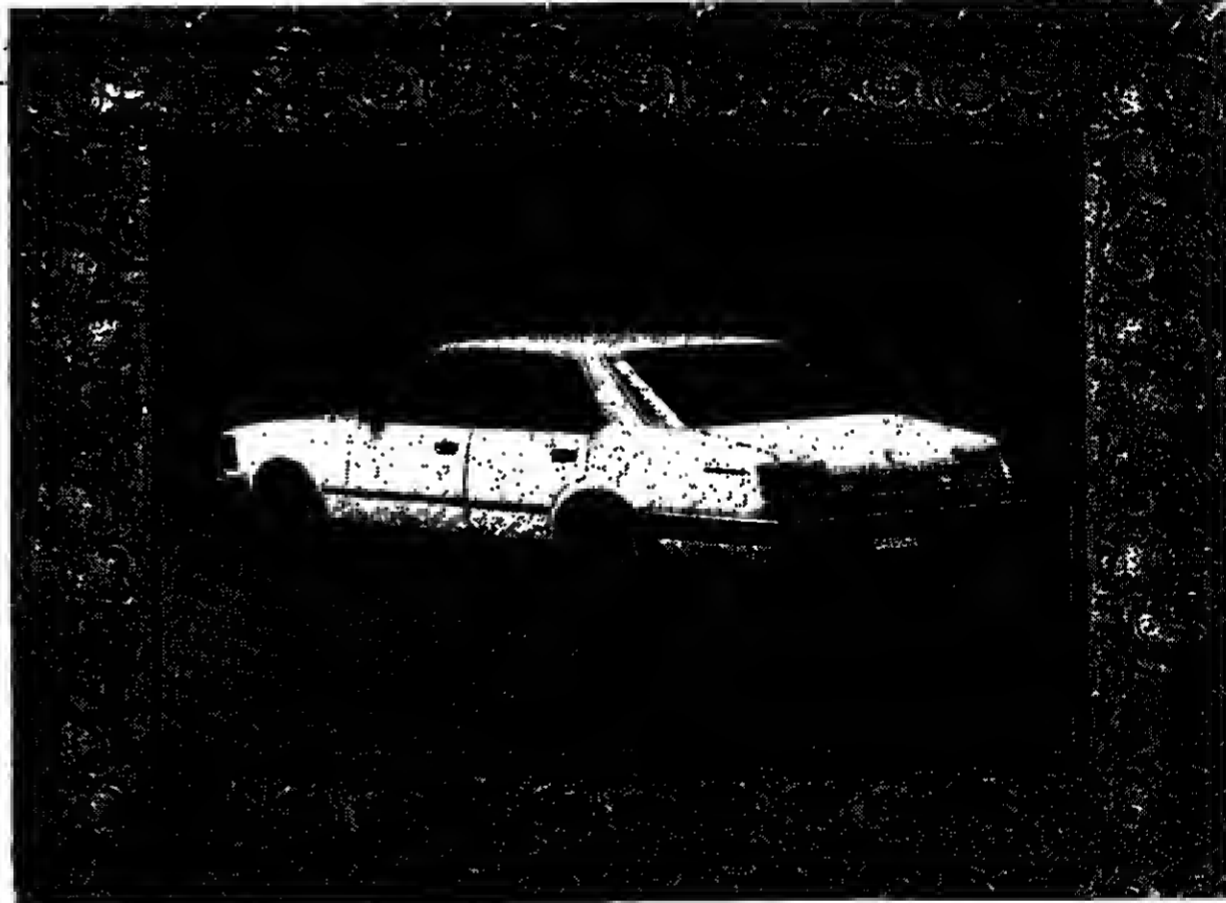
Replying to a worker who asked for concrete pointers, the paper noted that customs differ from country to country and said some ordinary Chinese phrases or actions might be considered impolite by foreigners.

It advised against such common Chinese greetings as "Where are you going?" or "Have you eaten?" In China, these are considered no more prying than "Nice day, isn't it?" It said asking about wages and prices of a guest's clothing may be considered impolite. The paper also said that with foreign

guests, Chinese hosts need not use the standard polite Chinese phrases apologizing for the quality of the meal or the hospitality. It explained Western customs concerning allowing ladies to go first, using knives and forks, and using "Excuse me" and "Thank you" more often.

At dances, it said, a man should obtain a busbaod's permission before dancing with his wife, and not always seek out the same partner, while a woman should accept invitations to dance unless she has a good reason to rest.

It concluded: "In conversing with foreign guests, we should avoid political controversies. When we need to answer various questions, we should use correct, concise and reserved language and be sure to protect state secrets."



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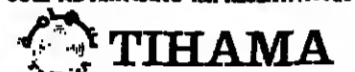
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REAGAN'S MOTIVE

President Reagan spoke recently of supplying the Muslim freedom fighters of Afghanistan with weapons. But a careful reading of what he actually said makes it clear that nothing decisive was contemplated; that the president was not reporting on a decision already taken but raising a general possibility.

On one view, Reagan was only floating one of the many options open to him in the complicated game he is playing with the Soviet Union. The aim was more to gauge international reactions than to state a policy. In the case of Afghanistan itself, such a line of policy would meet with immediate difficulties both within the United States and in Afghanistan itself, given the present fragmentation of the Afghan resistance. Furthermore, Western observers point out that to talk of supplying arms is actually a sign of less than firm resolution to do so. In such circumstances, the expected thing is to supply first and declare the fact, if ever, much later.

The Communist propaganda machine will not, of course, occupy itself with such niceties. It will go into action equating the word with the deed, and attempt to wring maximum advantage from this "interference" in the affairs of Afghanistan.

One explanation for Reagan's motive in making his statement, and it must be admitted that it is only hypothetical, is that he is attempting to hint at a possible "linkage" between the problems of Afghanistan and El Salvador. Easing Communist pressure on America's "backyard" in El Salvador, the message reads, would result in America easing the pressure in Afghanistan.

If this was actually what Reagan wanted the Russians to understand, then the fears of those who always thought him naive when it comes to international relations could be said to find confirmation.



Soviets seek a way out of Afghanistan

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW. Soviet foreign policy continues to be haunted by the problem of Afghanistan. President Brezhnev's speech at the Soviet Communist Party congress which closed March 3, contained the following somewhat rather rueful reference to Afghanistan: "Imperialism launched a real undecided war against the Afghan revolution", he said. "This has created a direct threat to the security of our southern frontier. In the circumstances, we were compelled to render the military aid asked for by the friendly country".

This stress on Moscow's belief that Afghanistan presented a threat to Soviet security is certain meant to signal to the West that the Soviet leadership decided to send their troops into Afghanistan in classic, geopolitical reasons which are recognized by the West, and not simply with the mission of imposing revolution with Soviet guns.

Behind this argument, one can also detect Soviet unease about the Afghan operation. Western diplomats say they have heard as much from Russian lips. As one diplomat here put it: "It's so ridiculous to suppose that the Soviet Union needs to be sure of every inch of its border. If so, how can they tolerate the situation on the border with the let alone China? In fact what the Soviets have done in Afghanistan is to turn a situation that in 1978 was absolutely no threat to themselves into a ma problem."

The present Soviet worry about Afghanistan in two aspects. One is their concern, of course not publicly admitted, about what it has done to East-West relations. The other is simply their perplexity about how to solve the problem they have created for themselves.

One well-informed Russian remarked to me that sending the Soviet Army into Afghanistan is come very close to the unspoken "limits" of what permissible in East-West behavior. He explained by saying that the decision seemed to have been taken in a hurry, when events in Afghanistan were moving fast and dangerously.

The point he was underlining was that the Soviet Union had acted in Afghanistan as a great power defending its interests and not as a revolutionary power. If the Russians stress this distinction it because they want the West to understand that Afghanistan did not represent a new and more daring Soviet policy of Communist expansionism.

And from that it follows too, as Soviet sources over and over again, that Afghanistan was not planned first Soviet step toward the Gulf. So why are the Russians hoping to do in Afghanistan? Some Western diplomats have argued that there have no choice but to turn it into another Mongol virtual extension of the Soviet Union permanent garrisoned by the Red Army. However, experienced diplomats in Moscow believe the Soviet Union would like to get its troops out of Afghanistan. The problem, of course, is how.

One way is to strengthen the Afghan government by making it more popular. This, Soviet sources say, is now being attempted by overtures to religious and tribal leaders. It remains to be seen whether pro-Soviet Afghan government would really share power with Afghan Muslims.

Some Soviet experts seem to place hope on the non-Pashtun minorities in the country, Afghans, Tajiks and Uzbeks, they argue, know they have brothers across the border in the Soviet Union and this will make them more understanding. Certain the Russians, from the scant evidence available here, don't seem to believe there can be a military solution. Soviet soldiers are reportedly to find fighting Afghan rebels a frustrating business. The man who is a goatherd by day, as a Russian put it, takes up his gun by night and therefore a difficult target for a regular army.

Brezhnev, in his congress speech, seemed to suggest that the Soviet Union might discuss pullout of Soviet soldiers from Afghanistan in exchange for American withdrawing its ships from around the Gulf. This is a new idea and so far d Russians have not elaborated on it. Even this solution, which the Americans seem unlikely to find appealing, leaves unsettled the basic question - whether there can be a stable Afghan government acceptable to Moscow, without a large Soviet presence in the country.

The Russians, by supporting a so-called Marxist-Leninist revolution in Afghanistan has largely themselves to blame for this difficulty. They have allowed a savage polarization of Afghan politics in the name of a theory of class struggle worked out by Marx for a modern industrial nation. I ask one Russian whether a Finnish solution, in which Afghanistan developed its own political system keeping absolute neutrality toward the Soviet Union, was not tempting.

He agreed it was but then added: "The trouble is that while in Finland an unsuccessful politician can retire to become director of a company, the politician who loses his job in Afghanistan is likely also to lose his head."

The point he was making was that the fierce of Afghan politics doesn't make for moderation or compromise. This burden of fierce politicians and fierce fighters explains why Western theories about Afghanistan being a dangerous victory for Soviet expansionism makes some Russians smile sadly, if to say, "If only it were so."

Letters to the editor

Sir, Crown Prince Fahd's interview with *Der Spiegel* shows his sensible and fair reasoning and that of the government as a whole.

With leaders like him, the Kingdom has been acting and responding with fairness and wisdom in world affairs in its relations with other states and in discharging its responsibilities. This was reflected recently in statements about the Kingdom by the German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt who praised the Kingdom's sensible approach to international issues.

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Behind Honecker's call for German unity

By Werner Kastor

LONDON — East Germany's party leader Erich Honecker has revived the issue of German reunification, stressing, of course, that it would have to be a Marxist marriage. His remarks were an attempt to exploit the row among West German Social Democrats, the senior coalition partners in the Bonn government, who are engaged in fierce internal arguments about West Germany's position within NATO.

At a Communist Party meeting in East Berlin recently Honecker said that once West Germany had turned Socialist, East and West would be united again. And whether the West Germans liked it or not, socialism would come to the other Germany one day.

For more than 10 years, reunification was a dead letter to the East German leadership. All references to earlier policies aimed at creating one Germany were extinguished. Even the words of the East German national anthem are no longer sung because they refer to Germany as a whole.

Detente policies, with the tremendous increase of Western visitors to East Germany in the early 1970s and the staunch pro-Western attitude of the Social Democrats since the late 1950s, made it imperative for the East German Party to set the Democratic Republic clearly apart from West Germany. The situation has changed, however, in the last two years.

The Left in West Germany, especially inside the Social Democratic Party, has increased in strength. The party congress in Berlin early last year saw a

division of only 60 to 40 in favor of the Right.

In the 1960s one could have counted left-wingers on the fingers of one hand. Now, for the first time since Chancellor Helmut Schmidt came to office, 24 Social Democratic MPs have revolted against their own government's defense policy and demanded a reduction in West Germany's military spending in favor of development aid. There are serious rifts between the Social Democratic Party and the government of Schmidt over nuclear energy and defense policies.

Left-wingers in the party also cooperate increasingly with Communists and left-leaning fringe groups on a number of issues. One such group, the "Initiative for Peace, International Balance and Security", which counts several leading Social Democrats among its members, advocates a reduction of West Germany's armed forces about 80 per cent to a professional army of 100,000 men. The secretary-general of the Social Democratic Party, Egon Bahr, is one of the leading supporters of such policies.

The East Germans are delighted by this development. For years they have tried in vain to create a people's front among left-wing Social Democrats. They tried unsuccessfully to exploit the students' movement in the late 1960s and early 1970s. They were foiled by the staunch rejection of East German socialism even by members of West Germany's left, some of whom — like the late Rudi Dutschke — knew this version of socialism only too well.

The NATO Council decision in December 1979 to develop and deploy medium-range nuclear mis-

siles in Western Europe; the pledge by NATO members to increase defense spending by 3 per cent a year at a time when high unemployment made West Germany's economic miracle look like old history; and the inauguration of the right-wing Reagan administration in the U.S., all this contributed to the growing unease inside the Social Democratic Party about present defense policies.

In addition, Gen. Gert Bastian appeared on the political scene two years ago and has argued ever since against a strengthening of NATO defense capabilities. Bastian was sacked as the commander of a West German tank division last year. In recent months he has become extremely active on the circuit of Communist rallies in West Germany against NATO policies. Even the Social Democratic weekly *Vorwärts* opened its pages to him. Bastian also gives interviews to the East German media and is quoted at length by them.

The East German attempt to fuel the discussion about West German adherence to the Western Alliance by bringing up the subject of reunification is a shrewd move. Nobody in East Berlin, or in Moscow for that matter, seriously believes they can succeed in neutralizing West Germany; the experience of the 1950s proves that point sufficiently. But NATO policies, and especially the policies of the Reagan administration, could be seriously impeded by weakening West German commitment to a strong NATO.

Other West European countries like Denmark, Belgium and Holland would regard Germany's stance as a lead. Schmidt will have a hard time during his remaining three years in office. (ONS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Saturday mostly led with a report on the hijacked Pakistani plane and the Pakistani government's decision to release the political prisoners as demanded by the hijackers. In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* quoted the president of the Gulf Chamber of Commerce as saying the Gulf Cooperation Council would solve the problems which impede the economic integration of the region. *Al-Bilad* carried its lead story Bangladesh President Zia-ur-Rahman's praise of Saudi Arabia's role in the service of Islam and Muslims. On the other hand, *Al-Yom* gave lead prominence to a report on the U.S. administration's intention to build five atomic reactors for Israel and to give it \$2.5 billion worth of military aid annually.

Newspapers frontpaged the drama of the hijacked Pakistani airliner and hoped that it would come to a finale soon with the release of the political prisoners and the return of the hostages to Pakistan. In a front-page story, *Okaz* said the North-South summit dialogue has been deferred till next October, while *Al-Bilad* and *Al-Yom* gave page one highlight to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's call to make fresh efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war. *Al-Bilad* said in a page one story that Malaysia might be the first state implementing a development program in conformity with the Islamic law, if the government approved the resolutions of a seminar which was opened in Kuala Lumpur by the Malaysian prime minister March 11.

Some newspaper editorials discussed the efforts of the Islamic goodwill committee to resolve the crisis

between Iraq and Iran, while others dealt with the Lebanese crisis in the light of last week's meeting between the presidents of Syria and Lebanon in Damascus. *Al-Jazirah* observed in an editorial that the goodwill committee is the only machinery capable of undertaking such a crucial task. It reiterated the committee's keenness on settling the dispute between the two neighboring Islamic states. The paper conceded that the matter might be prolonged, but expressed confidence that the committee's task was not impossible to perform. It reminded that continuous bloodshed would not serve the interests of Muslims anywhere in the world, but would help the enemies of Islam in implementing their hostile plans.

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* noted that the Iraq-Iran war has become a threat to world peace. Sensing this danger, the paper said, the third Islamic summit meeting had resolved to constitute a goodwill committee, whose prime objective has been to stop the bloody war between the two Islamic states. It said the only beneficiary from this war would be the enemies of Islam who are making every effort to keep the armed conflict going between Iraq and Iran. The paper cautioned that the danger does not only lie in the fact that the two Islamic states are engaged in bloody war, but that the enemies of Islam are trying to shatter the Islamic force for the benefit of the Zionist and communist elements.

Al-Yom discussed the Middle East situation and reaffirmed that the creation of peace in the region is a universal necessity. It said that Saudi Arabia and other Arab and Islamic states have taken several

steps toward the realization of peace and stability in the region, reiterating that real peace would be achieved only when the legitimate rights of the Arabs are fully restored.

On the other hand, *Al-Riyadh* dwelled on the Lebanese crisis in the light of President Sarkis' meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad. The paper observed that now there has been a sudden move in Lebanon after Sarkis' return from Damascus giving stress to the national accord. In this connection, the paper referred to Sarkis' meeting with Pierre Gemayel and Premier Wazzan's meeting with the nationalist movement at the same time. This development, it said, has raised several question marks on the nature of the future stages relations between Damascus and Beirut.

In an editorial, *Al-Medina* dealt with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and said that the Western powers have condemned this invasion and have exerted efforts and stressed the need for the formation of a rapid deployment force in the Gulf region. The paper added that if the Western states are keen to maintain a balance with the communist camp, they must take a resolute and clear stance on the Soviet Union's actions. It referred to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's intention to support the Afghan revolutionaries, saying it was a symbolic reaction which showed the U.S. was trying to move from a theoretical position to a practical attitude by supporting a legitimate stance on an uncalled for an illegitimate occupation.



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KITES: Over the centuries, kites of virtually every imaginable size and shape have been flown. At the Smithsonian Institution's annual kite festival this month (March), the young and the old pit their wits against nature's elements and seasonal changes. Competitors vie for awards based on the size and performance. Picture shows grown-ups trying their luck.



ORIGINATED: The kite-flying was said to have originated in China more than 2,000 years ago, where animal and bird-shaped kites were used to fill the sky. The photo is an artist's impression of kites of the past.

Kites helped the pioneers of aviation

By Lawrence Howe

WASHINGTON (SNS) — An ill wind may blow on man to good, as the proverb goes, but a gusty day is the perfect setting for hours of enjoyment. All you need are a few inexpensive materials, imagination, some know-how, an open field and ... voila! ... you're guaranteed some high-flying fun with a kite.

Kiting has always been an exciting and popular hobby for many people. But to Paul Garber and the hundreds who participate in the Smithsonian Institution's annual kite festival, kiting is more than leisure-time hobby's — it's a chance to challenge their creativity and pit their wits against nature's elements and seasonal changes.

The festival — which consists of a display of kites, a lecture, a workshop and a competition — takes place during the last three weekends in March in Washington, D.C. During the final weekend, children, youths and adults may test their talents while competing for awards based on appearance and performance. There are only two prerequisites to enter the competition: The kite must be flown by the person who made it, and everyone is required to have a good time.

Garber, well-known for his interest in the history of aviation and a historian emeritus at the National Air and Space Museum, first organized the festival in 1967. It is now a part of the Smithsonian's Resident Associate Program. According to Garber, the idea for the festival originated after the secretary of the Smithsonian, S. Dillon Ripley, returned from a trip to Paris. "Ripley saw students, artists — everyone — enjoying Paris parks," Garber says. "He wanted the public to enjoy the beautiful Mall that adjoins the Smithsonian's museums." Ripley asked Garber what he liked to do outdoors. "I told him about making a teddy

bear kite for my great-grandson and the fun we had flying it," Garber relates. Ripley liked the idea and approved Garber's suggestion for a kite-flying festival, now in its 15th year. Throughout its existence, Garber says, the kite has been one of the most versatile inventions ever made, aiding developments in both the meteorological and aeronautical fields and achieving considerable cultural status in many countries.

Kites originated in China more than 2,000 years ago. They were used by the Chinese army as early as the sixth century to relay signals to troops over great distances. In 1752, Benjamin Franklin used a kite for meteorological experiments, and in 1901, the Italian physicist, Guglielmo Marconi, used a kite to raise his antenna for the first trans-Atlantic radio message.

Over the centuries, kites of virtually every imaginable size and shape have been flown — from the tiniest of flyers made by devoted enthusiasts in Japan to the kites used for fishing by natives in the South Pacific islands to the enormous Japanese Wan-Wan kite, which spans 60 feet, weighs approximately 5,500 pounds and requires 150 persons to launch and fly it.

Today, kites can be seen in their most dramatic form in Japan where they are an integral part of the country's national heritage. On the fifth day of the fifth month of the Japanese year, for example, the Boys Festival is celebrated by households which have been blessed with the recent birth of a male child. The proud families fly tubular or "sleeve" kites which resemble a carp, a fish which battles upstream to spawn, symbolic of the son's anticipated progress through the river of life.

The kite also has been used extensively by the pioneers of aviation to study the aerodynamics of flight. In 1783, the Swiss scientist, Daniel Bernoulli, discovered that when the wind blows across a curved airfoil

(wing), air speed is increased and a reduction in air pressure occurs along the top surface. This exerts an upward force upon the wing.

The airflow diverted downward by the wing's bottom surface is slowed and produces an upward force from the underside. The combination of the two forces generates the "lift" required for flight. A further understanding of these aerodynamic principles eventually led to development of the modern airplane wing.

The centers of force affecting a kite's stability — which are lift, gravity, pressure and thrust — must be in proper relationship to ensure proper flight. This is achieved when launching the kite by angling it into the oncoming wind. As with any aircraft, whether it be a simple box kite or the SST, these aerodynamic forces affect the craft's performance and stability during flight.

For many flat-surfaced kites, a stabilizing force is provided by the extra wind resistance or "drag" imparted by the kite's tail. Lengthening or shortening the tail, which depends on the kite's size and shape, can correct instability resulting from variations in wind conditions. Typically, the stronger the wind, the longer the tail required.

"There has been a remarkable increase in the popularity of kites in recent years," Garber says. The Smithsonian's festival and organizations such as the American Kitefliers Association have been fundamental in fostering the resurgence. "Certainly, not everyone can make a spacecraft or an airplane," Garber says, "but anyone interested in flight can easily make a kite." He notes that ready-to-assemble kites and kite materials are available at most hobby shops and even some drug stores. Many people prefer to construct their own because they learn how to modify the kite to accommodate it to the flying conditions.

Books of instructions are available in lib-

raries or hobby stores, and there is even a kite-flyer's magazine, *Kite Lines*, published in Baltimore. The following tips may be helpful to would-be flyers.

The kite should be "bridled" to face the wind at a lifting angle so that the wind will lift the kite into the sky. The bridle is a line or series of lines attached to strong parts of the kite's structure to position it correctly into the wind. Finding the correct bridle length and flight angle are essentially trial-and-error matters, but if the bridle is properly attached, the kite should balance horizontally and the top of the kite should be about 20 degrees higher than the bottom when the kite is suspended by the bridle strings.

The tail helps to improve the stability of a kite by creating extra longitudinal drag. If other factors are properly proportioned and balanced, vertically and horizontally, uncontrollable spinning and looping can be prevented by using the appropriate length of tail. Tails may be made of cord, ribbon, narrow strips of rags tied together or even plastic drinking cups spaced about a foot apart along a length of line; use a stick or a reel for winding the kite string.

The kite can be landed in a strong wind by winding in the string most of the way and then anchoring the line walking towards the kite with the line under one armpit while you pull down and back on the line, hand over hand; long, arm-length pulls on the kite string increase the wind pressure on its surface and on its topside and produce a momentary lift which sends the kite higher into the sky.

Conditions are best for flying when the air is cool and clear. A smooth wind of five to 10 knots is ideal. Sometimes rising bodies of warm air (thermals) help raise the kite into the air, and never fly a kite in the rain or near utility wires, and always choose a field where there are no overhead obstructions.



HAND: Children also compete in great numbers. Photo shows a boy trying a wing-shaped kite.



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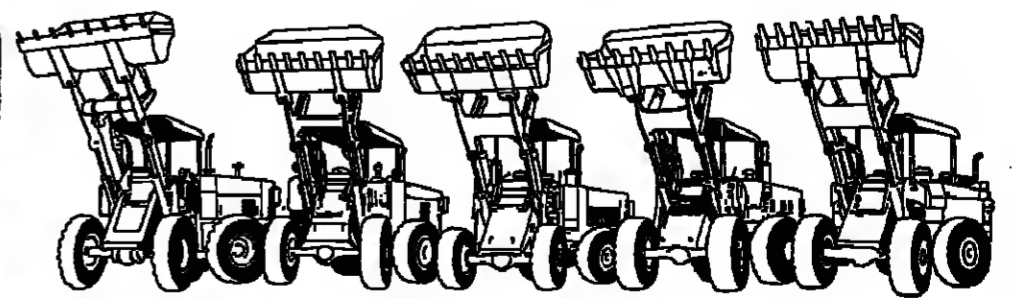
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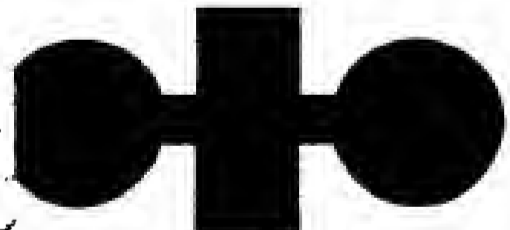
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SMU athletes too good

Connor leaps to new record

DETROIT, March 14 (AP) — Britain's Keith Connor of Southern Methodist University smashed the world indoor record in the triple jump Friday night, soaring 56-9/16 (17.24 meters) at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Connor's record leap, on his final attempt in the qualifying for Friday night's final, eclipsed the indoor best of 56-9 1/4 (17.23), set earlier this year by Shamil Abdjasov of the Soviet Union.

Connor, the fourth-place finisher in last year's Olympic Games at Moscow, had an outstanding series in the NCAA trials. He first leaped 54-7 1/2 (16.19 meters), then broke the meet record of 55-8 1/4 (17.20), set by Washington State's Ian Campbell in 1978. On his third try, the final jump of the preliminaries, he nearly leaped out of the pit.

Connor, a 23-year-old from Slough, England, had set the collegiate record of 56-1/2 (17.10) earlier this season at Dallas.

Earlier in the NCAA meet, another SMU athlete from England, Robert Weir, shattered the collegiate record in winning the 35-pound weight throw with a heave of 73-7 (22.18 meters).

The weight throw was the only final event to be held at Eastern Michigan University.

The other 17 finals — six Friday night and 11 Saturday — were to be contested at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Weir's unexpected toss, the best ever in the United States, erased the collegiate record of 71-10 1/4 (21.91 meters) set by Jacques AcCambray of Kent State in 1974. Only Yuri Syedikh of the Soviet Union, the 1980 Olympic champion in the hammer throw, has thrown the 35-pound weight longer than Weir.

Syedikh has three throws over 75 feet (22.86 meter), including the indoor record of 76-11 1/4 (23.46 meters), set on March 10, 1979, at Montreal.

Weir's previous best was only 67-1 (20.45 meters) which he reached in finished third in this year's Dallas Invitational.

"The turning point of my year was when I hurt my back in the Dallas — meet and I didn't work out for a few weeks after that," said Weir. "Then I went to New York and could only manage a 63-foot (19.2 meters) throw in the TAC (the Athletic Congress) meet which was really disappointing to me."

Weir got off his winning throw on his first attempt and had three other throws over 71 feet (21.64 meters). His teammate Richard

Olsen of Norway finished second at 70-5 (21.46 m) giving SMU 18 points in the battle for team honors.

Texas El Paso, the favorite to repeat as team champion and won the title for the sixth time in eight years, picked up four points in the weight throw as Thommie Sjöholm of Sweden placed fourth. Behind Matt Mileham of Fresno State, whose best throw was 70-1 1/4 (21.37 meters).

SMU got another outstanding performance in the trials of the shot put, as sophomore Michael Carter set a meet record of 69-8 1/2 (21.22 meters) in qualifying for the final.

Carter, the NCAA indoor and outdoor champion as a freshman last year, smashed the NCAA mark of 67-9 1/4 (20.75 meters) set by Hens Hogund of Texas El Paso in 1975.

The throw also was the best of Carter's young career with the ball, surpassing the mark of 67-7 1/4 (20.19 meters) he reached in winning last year's indoor meet. However, Carter also a noseguard on SMU's football team, buried the 12-pound shot 81-3 1/2 (25.09 meters) at Jefferson High School in Dallas.

Rijvers pins hope on veterans

Cruyff included in Dutch squad

THE HAGUE, March 14 (R) — Johan Cruyff is poised to end his self-imposed three-exile from international soccer by playing for the Netherlands in their vital World Cup qualifying tie against France on March 25.

The Dutch, World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978, have only an outside chance of reaching the finals in Spain in 1982 and newly-appointed coach Kees Rijvers pinned his faith on the old guard when he announced his squad Friday.

Cruyff, 34 next month, was named along with three other World Cup veterans, goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers and midfielder Wim Jansen on Ajax and striker Johann Rep, who plays for St. Etienne in France.

The Dutch have suffered two defeats in their three previous European group ties and anything less than a home win will leave France, Belgium and Ireland fighting out the two qualifying places available.

They did manage to beat lowly Cyprus last month but the long awaited return of Cruyff could be the biggest boost of all.

Cruyff, who signed for Spanish Second Division side Levante recently, made the last of his 48 international appearances against Belgium in October 1977.

The three-time European footballer of the year officially bade farewell to Dutch football in November 1978 when, prior to moving to the United States, he turned out for Ajax in a

friendly against West Germans Bayern Munich. It was a far from happy night for Cruyff as Ajax hammered 8-0.

Rijvers has plumped for experience in choosing the 22-man squad, also including sweepers Ruud Krol, who succeeded Cruyff as international captain but who now plays for Italian club Napoli, midfielders Frans Thijssen and Arnod Muhren, who have helped Ipswich town to the top of the English First Division, were also named.

Thijssen played against Cyprus but Muhren's sole cap was against Tunisia in a friendly in 1978.

Yorath to lead

In Cardiff, Terry Yorath, who plays for Vancouver Whitecaps of the North American soccer league, was named as captain of the Welsh squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Turkey in Ankara on March 25.

Wales lead group three with full points from their three previous games, in which they have scored nine goals without reply.

But Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union are both handily placed and the Welsh will be eager to boost their chances of grabbing one of the two places available for the finals. Iceland are the fifth team in the group.

Postponed

Meanwhile, Mike Flanagan's popularity nose-dived Friday when a dozen of his Queens Park Rangers colleagues went down

with tummy trouble — causing Saturday's English Second Division game at Orient to be postponed.

Flanagan has spent nearly a week in hospital suffering from a form of gastroenteritis and is thought to be responsible for infecting the others.

"Rangers have twelve first team players ill and we had no option but to postpone the match," said a league official.

Another Second Division casualty is Watford's trip to Ruxham because of a water-logged pitch.

Refused entry

The Trinidad and Tobago government have refused entry to three South African members of American Soccer club Tampa Bay Rowdies, who were to tour this country.

Forward Neil Roberts, defender Mike Connell and midfielder Steve Wegerle were due here with the 22-member team for a one-week visit. The goodwill series has now been canceled because permission for the three to enter has not been granted.

This is the second recent incident of its kind in the Caribbean caused by South African sports connections.

Two weeks ago the Guyana government withdrew a visitor's permit to Robin Jackman, a member of the touring England cricket team, because of his sporting links with South Africa.



GOT HIM: Former world super featherweight champion Rafael 'Banzoka' Limon lands a right on challenger Cornelius Boza-Edwards' face. Boza-Edwards, however, won a unanimous decision to take the WBC title.

Floyd shares Dorol lead

MIAMI, March 14 (AP) — Defending champion Ray Floyd, playing in a steady rain, birdied his last two holes for a 4-under-par 68 that enabled him to retain a share of the lead Friday in the second round of the \$250,000 Dorol-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

He was tied for the top spot with Lanny Wadkins, who put a 66 on the scoreboard before the rains the steady showers diluted the hopes of any other would-be challengers.

Wadkins, a former PGA champ but a struggling non-winner for almost two years, and the veteran Floyd had 36-hole totals of 134, 10 shots under par for two trips over the 7,065 yard Blue Monster course at the Dorol Country Club.

"I'll admit I'm pleasantly surprised by the way I'm playing," Wadkins said. Jack Nicklaus was not so pleased.

A playoff loser in this event a year ago and a runner-up last week, Nicklaus played in the worst of the rain, shot a 73 and, with a 147 total, failed to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday. It was the first time he'd missed a cut since the Atlanta Classic last summer.

Meanwhile Pat Bradley set a course and tournament record Friday with a seven-under-par 66 to gain a share of the second-round lead with Patty Hayes in the \$100,000 LPGA Sun City Classic.

Bradley was just one-under on her round after the first nine holes, but then strung together five consecutive birdies to join Hayes at eight-under-par 138 after 36 holes.

Kiwis in sound position

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 14 (AP) — New Zealand were in a sound position at the end of the second day's play in the third and final cricket Test against India at Eden Park, Auckland, Saturday.

India, resuming at 184 for eight, were all out for 238 and at stumps New Zealand were 17 for one.

The tourists owe much to the overnight batsmen Syed Kirmani and Shivlal Yadav who put together a ninth wicket stand of 104 and scotched the suggestion that the wicket was a terror for spin.

Yadav was eventually caught by Richard Hadlee off John Bracewell for 43 and Kirmani went on to score 78 when he took a big swing at Bracewell and was bowled.

The Kiwi innings, which began after lunch, started sensationally when Bruce Edgar, in the second over, followed a Sandeep Patil ball with his bat outside the off stump and was caught by Ravi Shastri at second slip.

But when John Reid joined John Wright they took few chances and the 100 came up in 195 minutes without further loss.

Dilip Doshi, Ravi Shastri and Yadav howled economically on a pitch that has not lived up to the indications it would favor

spinners. But with normal wear and tear and the hot sun, it could easily be a different story in the fourth innings.

Doshi upset the crowd when he appeared to pick up a deeply driven ball with his foot over the boundary rope and returned it without acknowledging it was a four. He was booed every time the ball came near him after the incident.

Score-board

INDIA —(1ST INNINGS)

Overstar c Smith b Swedden	5
Chauban c Collins b Bracewell	36
Vengalakar c Harworth b Swedden	8
Patil c Smith b Collins	19
Vijaynath lbw b Hadlee	2
Srinewasa c Smith b Bracewell	29
Shastri c and b Cairns	5
Kirmani b Bracewell	76
Kapil Dev b Cairns	3
Yadav c Hadlee b Bracewell	43
Doshi not out	3
Fayyas	14
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-43, 4-50, 5-97, 6-100, 7-114, 8-124, 9-229.

BOWLING: Hadlee 27-11, 49-1, Swedden 23-7, 52-3, Cairns 27-15, 37-5, Cooney 9-1, 13-0, Bracewell 42-3-17, 61-4; Harwar 3-0, 11-11, 0.

NZ (1st Innings)

Edgar c Shastri b Patil	0
Wright batting	59
Foot batting	18
Extras	17
Total (for 1 wk)	127

BOWLING: Patil 3-1, 2-1, Kapil Dev 6-3, 12-0, Yadav 23-4, 51-0, Doshi 24-13-20-0, Shastri 16-2-36, 0.

Lloyd, Gomes in big stand

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados March 14 (AP) — A fifth-wicket partnership of 154 between Clive Lloyd and Larry Gomes (58) pulled the West Indies round from a shaky start to a close of play total of 238 for seven wickets on the first day of the third cricket Test match against England.

Lloyd and Gomes came together after England's fast bowlers, using a grassy pitch to best advantage, had reduced the West Indies to 65 for four after skipper Ian Botham's decision to bowl first after winning the toss.

They were not separated until three hours and 40 minutes batting time later when Lloyd, obviously tired, was caught at square-leg by Graham Gooch off Robin Jackman.

The 36-year-old Lloyd's 100 — his 14th century in his 80th Test match — included 17 powerful boundaries and took him just under four hours to compile. As he returned to the pavilion, a big crowd including almost 2,000 English tourists, gave him a rousing ovation.

Gomes, who batted with less assurance and who survived chances to wicket-keeper David Bairstow when 14, 38 and 49 followed Lloyd within 10 minutes. Driving at a ball from fast bowler Dilley he nicked a catch to Botham at second slip. His 58 included six fours and took three hours and 55 minutes.

Without their partnership, the West Indies could have been in serious trouble.

Jackman, Dilley and Botham himself had the West Indies reeling in the first session of play before lunch.

Jackman, whose sporting contacts with South Africa caused the furore which led to the cancellation of the second Test in Guyana, took two of the four wickets to fall in that period, removing opener Gordon Greenidge with fifth delivery for 14 and later having the other opener Desmond Haynes for 25. Both were caught off strokes which came off the outside edge.

Stenmark placed third

FURANO, Japan, March 14 (AP) — Soviet Alexander Zhironov, in the biggest upset of the Alpine Skiing World Cup season, won the men's Giant Slalom race here Saturday ahead of world cup giant slalom leader Ingemar Stenmark, who finished third.

Stenmark was thus prevented for the third time in a row from establishing a new record of 63 World Cup wins. He is tied at 62 with Annemarie Moser-Proell of Austria, who has retired from competition.

The 22-year-old Soviet had a combined time of 3:00.41 minutes, defying strong winds for the fastest time of the second run (1:29.09) to become the first Soviet to win a World Cup giant slalom race and only the second ever to win a World Cup race.

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Malone revives Rockets' hopes

By Cynthia Stanley

HOUSTON, March 14 — Just when it was beginning to look like the Houston Rockets' playoff hopes were dead, along came Moses Malone to provide some resuscitation. His career-high 51-point avalanche buried Golden State 109-102 and kept Houston in the running for a Western Conference playoff position.

Julius Erving scored 23 points and Philadelphia's defense shut down New York in the second half as the 76ers beat the Knicks 115-95 for their fourth consecutive National Basketball Association victory.

In Richfield, Ohio, Fred Brown struck for 15 points in the final seven and a half minutes, and Jack Sikma led all scorers with 26, to pace the Seattle SuperSonics to a 101-95 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Brown connected on his final six shots from the field including an 18-foot jump shot to give the Sonics a 93-92 advantage with 1:52

remaining. A basket by Sikma and two free throws each by Brown and Wally Walker locked up the Seattle victory.

Larry Bird scored 29 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 122-108 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. The win was the 27th straight for the Celtics at Boston Garden.

Cliff Roberts scored 26 points to lift the New Jersey Nets to a 109-104 victory over Washington, dropping the Bullets two games behind Chicago in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

In the Detroit vs. Atlanta game, center Keat Benson and guard Ron Lee led a fourth-period flurry that carried the Detroit Pistons past the Atlanta Hawks 100-97 to snap a three-game losing streak. NCAA basketball.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament is now underway with the nation's college basketball elite playing toward a goal of reaching the semifinals

and championship game of the 43rd annual tournament scheduled for March 28 and 30 in Philadelphia.

The top four seeded teams in each of the East, Midwest, and West regions get first-round byes — and a step toward the NCAA title. They enter play during the regional quarterfinals of the tournament.

The following is a schedule of NCAA tournament pairings. (First round) East Regional — Georgetown vs. James Madison, Brigham Young vs. Princeton; Virginia Commonwealth vs. Long Island; Houston vs. Villanova. Midwest Regional — Creighton vs. St. Joseph; Tennessee-Chattanooga vs. Maryland; Ball State vs. Boston College; Alabama-Birmingham vs. Western Kentucky. Midwest Regional — Missouri vs. Lamar; Arkansas vs. Mercer; Kansas vs. Mississippi. Southern vs. Wichita St. West Regional — Kansas St. vs. San Francisco; Wyoming vs. Howard; Idaho vs. Pittsburgh; Fresno vs. Northeastern.



STRETCHES: Guillermo Vilas stretches to reach the ball in his match against Christophe Freyss which he won with a degree of comfort.

Vilas makes semis Rolf Gehring scalps another seeded player

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 14 (AP) — West German Rolf Gehring, on a hot streak after beating Bjorn Borg, the world's top player, on Thursday, defeated Vijay Amritraj of India 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Belgian Indoor Tennis Championships.

Jimmy Connors, Sandy Mayer and Brian Gottfried, all of the United States, also advanced to the semifinals.

Except for the second set, Gehring played the serve-and-volley game brilliantly to defeat Amritraj, the No. 5 seed. The Indian used the same strategy to win the second set, then battled to 3-3 in the third set before Gehring won the last three games and the match.

After losing to Gehring, Borg was flown to Geneva Friday amid rumors he had hurt his spine. Borg reportedly was treated twice in a Brussels hospital this week for a spinal injury.

Gottfried, who is ranked 11th in the world, ousted Peter Rennert 6-4, 6-3; Mayer won by default after Kim Warwick of Australia retired because of illness after trailing 4-7 in the first set; and Connors ousted Fritz Buebeling 6-3, 7-5.

In doubles competition, Kevin Curren of South Africa and Steve Denton of the United States won a quarterfinals match by beating the Belgian pair of Bernard Boileau and Alain Bricbant 6-3, 6-1.

In Cairo, top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina cruised into the semifinals of the

Egyptian Open with a 6-1 6-1 win over Frenchman Christophe Freyss.

Other quarter-final results: Ricardo Cano (Argentina) beat Ismail El Shafie (Egypt) 6-4, 6-4; Peter Elter (West Germany) beat Corrado Barazzutti (Italy) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; Balazs Taroczy (Hungary) beat Angel Gimenez (Spain) 7-5, 6-4.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Australian Mal Anderson defeated American Bobby Riggs 6-3, 6-3 Friday to advance into the semifinal of the Tennis Grand Masters.

Anderson will meet American Alex Olmedo in the next round. Olmedo beat Turben Ulrich of Denmark 6-3, 6-4.

Defending champion Frank Sedgeman beat fellow Australian Rex Hartwig 6-4, 6-1 and will face Neale Fraser in a semifinal. Fraser, the Australian Davis Cup team captain, beat American Tom Brown 6-1, 6-2.

In the women's events, Virginia Ruzici of Romania outran Billie-Jean King of the United States 6-3, 6-2 Friday night to advance to the semifinals of the Avon Tennis Championships of Dallas.

Top seed Martina Navratilova ran past Mary Lou Piatek 6-2, 6-2, and third seed Pam Shriver of Lutherville, squeaked past sixth seed Kathy Jordan, 7-6, 7-6.

Seventh seed Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia was ousted by unseeded Bettina Bunge 6-3, 6-2.

Johnson steers Bucks to victory

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) — Marquies Johnson scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday night to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 120-104 victory over Philadelphia despite 25 points by the 76ers' Dr. J. Julius Erving.

The victory was a big one for the Bucks, who still harbor hopes of overtaking both Boston and Philadelphia and finishing with the best record in the National Basketball Association, which would give them the home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

Milwaukee, which was clinched the Cen-

Knicks beat Bulls to qualify

tral Division title, has a 54-20 record. That's four games behind Philadelphia, whose 58-16 log is the best in the NBA.

Boston missed a chance to gain ground on Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division chase by dropping a 101-94 decision to the Indiana Pacers. Boston, 56-17, trails the 76ers by 1 1/2 games.

The New York Knicks, meanwhile, became the seventh team to clinch a berth in the 12-team playoffs by snapping a three-game losing streak with a 127-117 decision over the Chicago Bulls.

Pacers 101, Celtics 94: Guard Johnny Davis scored 12 of his 24 points in the final four minutes to lift the Pacers past Boston. The victory, the Pacers' fourth in their last five games, reduced Indiana's magic number for clinching a playoff berth to two. The loss was only the Celtics' second in the last 10 games — both at the hands of the Pacers.

India made only six field goals in the fourth quarter but was 11-for-13 from the foul line, including six free throws by Davis.

Knicks 127, Bulls 117: Ray Williams broke out of a slump with 27 points, including 17 in the third quarter, and handed out 13 assists as the Knicks clinched a playoff berth for only the second time since 1975. The loss trimmed Chicago's lead over Washington to two games in their battle for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Nets 140, Cavaliers 125, Maurice Lucas scored 26 points and the four other New Jersey starters each added 20 or more as the Nets banded Cleveland its ninth straight loss.

Rockets 126, Blazers 104: Mike Dunleavy scored 27 points, Calvin Murphy added 25 and Moses Malone hauled down 19 rebounds as Houston beat Portland in a game between two clubs that are contending for Western Conference playoff spots.

Hawks 119, Nuggets 117: Rookie guard Wes Matthews scored 22 points and fed Tom Burleson for a slam dunk with five seconds left that gave Atlanta the victory over Denver.

Drivers get set

LONG BEACH, California (AP) — The powerful formula one cars have hit the street of Long Beach again, but the spotlight remains on the rules.

Defending world champion Alan Jones took the provisional pole Friday at 89.877 mph (144.639 kmh) in his Williams FW07. That was considerably slower than last year's pole speed of 93.598 (150.627) by Brazilian Nelson Piquet, who went on to win the 1980 race.

Most of that loss of speed is being attributed to the elimination of the skirts, which help stabilize the cars in the turns as part of the revolutionary ground effect aerodynamics of the past few years.

However, even as the low slung chargers took to the winding 2.02-mile (3.25 km) street course Friday for the first of two days of time trials, a storm blew up on another front.

Saudia, Whittaker crash out of title-race

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 14 — Dallab Avco found their position at the top of the Saudi Milk Soccer League inadvertently strengthened when Whittaker and Saudia crashed out of the title race after suffering heavy defeats last week.

Saudia went down 5-2 to Hochtief, who now find themselves lying second in the First Division, while Whittaker flopped 5-0 to the much improved Asmara who are now third, although both have played at least one more match than the other First Division teams. If Dallab maintain their present form they will take the title for the second year running, but the race for the runner-up berth looks sure to be interesting with only two points separating the middle five teams. FOJP sem destined for relegation after their 5-3 defeat by Lockheed, but then who can forecast anything in this division.

Toyota consolidated their title challenge with a competent 5-2 win over Al Hada, who have now slipped to fifth place with a disastrous four match run from which they gained only one point. Toyota found their 2-0 half-time lead wiped out by an early second-half goal and a penalty, but their forwards found the necessary holes in the square Hada defense and Toyota ran out easy winners.

Zahid hammered Whittaker Villa 7-1, as expected, but their league position, and that of NJIA, is uncertain due to a fixture mix-up two weeks ago when Zahid failed to appear for the match with NJIA. Zahid now say they were given wrong information and want a rematch; NJIA want two points because Zahid didn't show. League secretary Peter Dixon again finds himself in the middle but hopefully will get full cooperation from the two team managers.

In the Third Division AST put seven goals past Scandinavia but also conceded three themselves. Indeed a creditable performance from Scandinavia who played the whole match with only eight men! NJIA took an easy two points from IAL who have been forced to resign from the league because of administration problems. The Third Division battle appears to be between NJIA and J&P, with Sogex making a late bid.

This week, action will again center on Toyota, who play NJIA on Monday in the crucial title match. If Toyota win, they will be clear and probable league winners. A win for NJIA would take them back into close contention. In the First Division Dallab, Hochtief and Asmara are all in action, although not against each other.

Wendy Carter surprises Hwang

COPENHAGEN March 14 (AP) — Asians led the way into the semifinals of the 29th Open Badminton Championships here Friday night.

Yet a Canadian girl supplied one of the biggest upsets as Wendy Carter ousted Un Ai Hwang, South Korea's rising star, in the ladies' singles quarterfinals.

But this was just one of many surprises in the 20-nation and \$25,000 tournament that is the traditional stage-setter for the prestigious all-England championships later this month.

The ousting of seeded players began in the early rounds and lost along the way, even before the quarterfinals, were England's Kevin Jolly in the men's singles, England's Jane Webster and South Korea's Yun Ya Kim in the ladies' singles, Denmark's Lene Koepfen and Anne Skovgaard, England's Barbara Sutton and Karin Bridge, Japan's Saori Kondo and Mikiko Takada and Suniko Kiteda and Michiyo Tamita in the ladies' doubles and Japan's Masao Tsuchida and Yuoshitaka Iino in the men's doubles.

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Japanese cars

Reagan team divided over imposing curbs

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AFP) — The cabinet headed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan is divided over how to deal with the Japanese car sales offensive, and consequently a decision has been delayed.

After several meetings expected to result in a decision Thursday the administration is due to meet Tuesday to try to reach agreement on the possible limitation of imports of Japanese cars, reliable sources said Friday.

One group in the cabinet takes a pragmatic line. Headed by Transport Secretary Drew Lewis, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan, the group believes that despite the Reagan non-interventionist commitment, the president — for economic and political reasons — must help the U.S. auto industry, which lost a record \$4,200 million last year.

Those who favor this view cite the poor financial condition of Ford, which last year lost \$1,550 million and the problems of the seriously ailing Chrysler firm, which has a doubtful future despite the administration's Feb. 27 decision to underwrite a loan of \$400 million.

The other faction is headed by budget Director David Stockman, who argues that the auto industry should not be treated as a

Strike halts Italy transport

MILAN, March 14 (AP) — Italy's public transportations were halted by a nationwide strike Friday while doctors of the state-run hospitals staged their fourth and final day of walkout.

Plots called off a job action which would have grounded all domestic flights of the Italian airline company Alitalia Friday. But they announced a seven-day work stoppage in April expected to affect both domestic and international flights.

The nationwide strike by transportation workers, demanding pay increases of 80,000 lira (\$80) a month, was the second such action in 11 days. It stopped buses, street-cars and subways triggering traffic jams in Milan, Rome, Turin and Naples. In the lagoon city of Venice the strike halted ferry-boat service.

special case. For him, as for Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and president's main economic adviser Murray Weidenbaum, any giving-way would undermine the two pillars of America's new liberal economic policy — free trade and non-interference by state in the private sector.

They hold that it would be difficult to prevent other struggling sectors such as chemicals rubber and farming from falling through the breach that would have been opened in the administration's policy.

They argue that tax measures to boost investment would suffice to improve the ability of the U.S. auto industry to compete. Any expression of doubts about this amounts to recognition of shortcomings of the Reagan plan, just as the fight to push it through Congress begins.

They feel that their case is strengthened because Ford and General Motors have asked the auto unions to make the same concessions on pay rises as they have made to help Chrysler to face up to the Japanese threat.

Union of Auto workers president Douglas Fraser has said that the unions made the concessions only because a knife was at their necks, but now only the continued threat of Japanese competition will make the unions contribute to reorganization of the industry.

Meanwhile, the Japanese offensive is growing stronger. In February, foreign cars achieved record sale of 1,700,341 cars and 80 per cent of this was accounted for by Japanese makes.

At the same time, demands in the Congress for limits on Japanese sales are growing. Against this backdrop, the Transport secretary said recently that he envisaged voluntary restrictions rather than the unilateral imposition of quotas.

The Japanese government's trade representative Saburo Okita, who recently visited Washington did not want to make any commitment saying that a solution would be found by May.

But the pragmatists in the cabinet fear that the administration's reluctance to act could lead Congress to impose quotas the auto issue has become thus the first test of Regan's future economic policy.



IDEAL HOME: People stroll along a pleasant paved walk and it seems hard to believe that they are at Earle Court Exhibition Center in the heart of London. It is press preview time at the Ideal Home Exhibition, and there is time to stop and stare. But over the next few weeks, till April 4, crowds of visitors will throng the halls to view, buy or pinch ideas for their house. Picture shows a quiet street, part of the model village at the exhibition.

Talks in May

OAPEC likely to build drydock in Algeria

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 14 (AP) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OAPEC) ministerial council meeting in Kuwait next May is expected to give the go-ahead for the building of the organization's second drydock at Mersea Al-Kabir, Algeria, industry sources have said.

But the complex is likely to be much smaller than OAPEC's first such venture, the Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (ASRY) in Bahrain which has a basin for super-tankers of up to 500,000 dwt. Establishment of the Algerian dock was agreed in principle when the ministerial council met in Algeria last June. Certain members had reservations and it was decided at the time that a committee of three should study the matter further.

The three were the United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Sa'ed Al-Otaiba, the Algerian Minister of Transport Saleh Goudjil, and Bahrain Industry and Development Minister Youssef Shirawi. The committee met recently in Bahrain and the OAPEC Bulletin reported the three ministers approved the feasibility study and that they recommended presenting the whole project for final approval by OAPEC ministers at the Kuwait meeting.

OAPEC groups Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the U.A.E. The possibility of building a Mediterranean drydock was first discussed when the OAPEC ministers met here in Bahrain in December 1977 for the formal opening of ASRY, its second down stream venture after setting up the Kuwait — based Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company.

It was not until a year later that a feasibility study, which took 16 months, was commissioned from British consultants Rendell Palmer, Tritton.

The study included current and probable future demand for ship repair in the Mediterranean, an order-of-magnitude cost estimate and the best location. Sites were inspected in Algeria, Libya, Syria and Egypt which, however, dropped out of the running after signing a peace treaty with Israel.

ever, dropped out of the running after signing a peace treaty with Israel. Apart from naming Algeria, study findings have not been disclosed but, according to Kuwait sources, the Mersea Al-Kabir complex will consist of on rack for 70,000 dwt and one for 150,000 dwt vessels.

Since the days of ASRY's opening, super-tankers have declined in favor, and there is now world over-capacity to dock them. At last December's third anniversary celebrations of ASRY, general manager Machados Lopes announced that plans to build a second 500,000 ton basin alongside the first here had been shelved, although room had been left for it in the original design.

He said there were then 52 such docks in the world, while only 12 were needed. Although almost fully occupied since its opening, ASRY has never been in profit and is not likely to be so.

OAPEC ministers are said to be resigned to this fate, for they consider it an important boost for Arab prestige, as well as providing an ideal training ground for Arab mechanics and engineers.

Japan to operate super-fast train

TOKYO, March 14 (AFP) — Japanese National Railways plan to operate a super-express passenger train next year capable of traveling at 210 km. per hour.

The French national railway S.N.C.F. set up a new world rail record last month with its high-speed train (H.S.T.) which traveled at 380 km per hour.

The new Japanese service will speed through mountain routes often buried under many meters of snow in winter. Eighteen years ago, Japanese railways inaugurated the "Shinkansen" (bullet) express train which revolutionized rail transport.

The new service is a two-hour journey from Tokyo to the Sea of Japan and will open up largely rural areas which are rather under-developed. The new service will cost an estimated 320,000 million yen (\$7,600 million). Just over the one-third of the 270-kms line will be under tunnels, the rest built 10 meters above ground level so as not to interfere with road traffic.

IMF sets up new lending system

WASHINGTON, March 14 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said it has set up a new system under which it can continue lending to financially embarrassed member nations.

The system, called a "successor mechanism" by officials, will replace the IMF supplementary fund established in February, 1979 to help 25 member countries, including Turkey, Costa Rica and Jamaica, tackle severe balance of payments difficulties.

The supplementary fund has been drained to only about 100 million special drawing rights (SDRs), the IMF monetary unit based on a basket of the world's five most widely-accepted currencies, the U.S. dollar, the West German mark, French franc, Japanese yen and British pound.

The IMF gave few details about the "successor mechanism" other than to say that it now existed and could be put to use once the supplementary fund expired. Monetary sources said the IMF ultimately wanted to stockpile the new system with about six billion to seven billion SDRs, which can then be lent to poor member nations. Monetary sources said the IMF was still in

the process of securing the full amount it wanted for the system. They said it had had a number of fruitful negotiations with possible lenders and it was now a matter of working out technical details to fund the new system.

The IMF was seeking to borrow the equivalent of about three billion to four billion SDRs from Saudi Arabia, another one billion to two billion from the industrial nations, and around one billion from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, they said. The remaining resources in the supplementary fund, which once totalled 7.78 billion SDRs, are expected to be lent out by the IMF over the next couple of weeks.

Anticipating this, the IMF had been working for several months on setting up its "successor mechanism." The IMF's daily SDR rating valued the unit today at \$1,227.24.

Meanwhile, the IMF confirmed that while waiting for the expected increase in quotas by member countries, it was negotiating credits of between \$7,200 and 8,400 million for the current year to cope with growing requests from members. The statement was seen by observers as specially intended for industrialized and rich countries on behalf of the developing countries.

China urges Japan to increase aid

PEKING, March 14 (AFP) — Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping has asked for increased Japanese economic aid to help China overcome its present difficulties.

He told the chairman of the Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Aichiro Fujiyama, that while "not small," such aid would not represent a lot of money "given Japan's economic resources." Deng, quoted by a Japanese source, also stressed the need "from a long-term point of view" to strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries despite setbacks in their current trade exchanges.

Fujiyama replied that Japan was also going through financial difficulties at this time, and China "should not expect these trade setbacks to be easily removed", the source said.

Chinese Vice-Premier Gu Mu is due in Tokyo shortly for consultations with the Japanese government on possible cancellation of Chinese contracts with Japanese investors, as a result of China's policy of economic "readjustment". On the domestic situation in China, Deng noted during Friday's talks here that Chinese universities were currently hit by disturbances.

"Recently some have even published leaflets saying 'down with Deng Xiaoping.'" This is a sign that the situation is excellent in China ... "As the situation is excellent, they (the student militants) don't know what to say (in their leaflets). So they publish this kind of statement."

Portugal, Iraq sign pact on tourism

LISBON, March 14 (AFP) — Portugal and Iraq have signed a five-year agreement here covering the tourist sector, under which formalities for holidaymakers will be smoother, though visas will continue to be needed.

The two countries also plan to co-operate closely in areas, including personnel training and hotel management. The agreement was signed Friday during a visit here by Iraqi Foreign Minister Saoudun Hammadi.

Table titled 'Foreign Exchange Rates' showing rates for various currencies like Bahraini Dinar, Belgian Franc, Canadian Dollar, etc., as of 5:00 P.M. Saturday.

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Table with columns: Authority, Description, Tender No., Price SR, Closing Date. Lists tenders for rest-houses, telephone booths, and Raheema Municipality.

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1981 8TH J-AWAL, 1401

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Wheat sales

France urges lifting embargo on Russia

BRUSSELS, March 14 (R) — France has called on its European Common Market partners to end a ban on wheat sales to Moscow, imposed in response to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, diplomatic sources have said.

France wants the community to agree to open tenders for the sale of 600,000 tons of wheat to the Soviet Union, and will formally request the resumption of sales when EEC

Shell, BP record fall in profits

LONDON, March 14 (R) — The two European-based oil multinationals, Royal Dutch-Shell and British Petroleum, have reported lower profits for 1980 than in 1979, citing factors including recession and higher taxes.

Peter Baxendell, vice-chairman of Shell's committee of managing directors, also told a news conference that 1979, when world oil prices more than doubled, had been an exceptional year.

Shell's net income for 1980 was £ 2.23 billion (\$4.9 billion) against £ 3.05 billion (\$6.8 billion) in 1979. When both figures were adjusted by complex procedures involved in accounting for the value of stocks, Shell said net incomes was 13 per cent down.

BP announced 1980 net income after payment of tax and dividend of £ 1.44 billion (\$3.2 billion) compared with £ 1.62 billion (\$3.6 billion) in 1979, an 11 per cent decline.

"Results were adversely affected by recession and a significant increase in taxation, but oil and gas earnings were marginally up," Baxendell said of Shell's performance.

Australia sees GATT collapse over EEC row

GENEVA, March 14 (R) — Australia has predicted that world trading agreements could break down if no solution is found to a two-year dispute over European Common Market (EEC) subsidies, a spokesman for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) has said.

The GATT council revealed in a statement issued here Wednesday that the latest effort to reach a settlement had failed and Australia's complaint that the EEC was unfairly subsidizing sugar exports remained on the table. Some 18 other countries back the complaint.

The EEC argues that its old subsidy scheme has not operated for at least a year because of rising world sugar prices and a new

foreign ministers meet next Monday, the sources said. But both Britain and West Germany argue such sales would break the EEC's commitment to limit food sales following President Carter's partial embargo on U.S. grain exports to Moscow, the sources said.

The French reply is that as traders used loopholes in EEC law to increase wheat sales to Moscow from minimal levels to over half a million tons in 1980, the ban has been ineffective and should be discontinued. The EEC agreed not to take advantage of the Soviet market following the U.S. ban and restricted exports to traditional levels, defined over a three-year period. In the case of wheat, sales were so little that the figure was set as zero. But confidential figures prepared by the EEC commission and shown to ambassadors Friday give EEC wheat sales to the Soviet Union last year as 575,000 tons, plus 481,000 tons of wheat equivalent in the form of flour. Traders had got round the ban by using export licenses granted before the commission imposed regulations to enforce it.

The French government believed the proposed sale of 600,000 tons could be justified within the framework of EEC support for U.S. sanctions, the diplomatic sources here said.

France has argued that the total ban on sales based on three years of minimal exports did not take into account the fact that sales went in cycles and fluctuated widely over many years. In the 1972-73 season sales were 700,000 tons.

Also, large grain sales to Moscow from Argentina, Canada and Australia have destroyed the effectiveness of the EEC's attempt to curb sales, the French government believed.

scheme is being prepared for the coming year which would meet the Australia objections.

Australian Ambassador Patrick Donovan told the council that if GATT took no action, other countries — including Australia — "would be left with at best a diminishing sense of obligation and commitment," to GATT's rules. GATT sets the terms for 70 per cent of world trade.

Australia complained that the then nine-nation EEC unfairly doubled its share of the international free market in sugar by boosting restitution payments to EEC exporters to an estimated \$830 million in 1978, compared with about \$414 million in 1977. Delegation sources said a draft decision asking GATT to ensure the EEC subsidy conformed to GATT

U.S. slashing aid to IDA, World Bank ruled out

WASHINGTON, March 14 (R) — President Reagan's spending cuts will not hit international aid organizations such as the World Bank as hard as they feared, according to monetary sources here.

The organizations have been worried that the administration's decision to reduce support for international lending will seriously hamper their efforts to help poor countries at a time of rising energy and fertilizer costs coupled with world recession.

But this week Deputy Treasury Secretary R.T. McNamar, in testimony before a House of Representatives committee, urged Congress to pass legislation authorizing the funding of so-called multinational development banks.

Legislation authorizing increased U.S. contributions to the World Bank and its soft-loan affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), is pending in Congress.

The bank's activities would continue even if Congress failed to pass the increases. Since 75 per cent of the more than 130 — member countries have agreed to double its resources to \$80 billion.

The IDA, which makes long-term interest-free loans for development projects in the poorest countries, will run out of money this month unless Congress replenishes its funds. It is still far from certain that Congress will approve increased contributions to both organizations, but without the administration's backing the requests are likely to be shelved.

In his remarks McNamar stressed the "importance of avoiding the implication that the United States is abandoning our traditional financial support of these institutions." But the administration wants some cuts and modifications to the pending increases.

rules was vetoed by the EEC in an unprecedented move.

Ambassador Donovan said the finally approved formula was a procedural decision and the Australian complaint remained before the council. Brazil said it continued to support Australia in its complaint. Helmut Von Verschuer, the EEC Commission's deputy director of agriculture, told the council Tuesday night the Common Market wanted to act in a conciliatory manner as for the record it still considered it was operating within GATT rules.

The GATT council, which meets every five years or so, took note of the EEC's plan to adopt new sugar regulations and agreed to review the situation later.

Specter of inflation stalking Switzerland

ZURICH, March 14 (R) — The specter of serious inflation is stalking Switzerland, a country which for years has been a paragon of price stability.

From around zero two and a half years ago and four per cent last December, inflation rose to five per cent in January and almost six per cent in February. This is still low by international standards, but has been enough to set the alarm bells ringing at the Swiss National Bank.

In the past month the authorities have reined in credit, raised bank rate twice and taken a calculated political risk in allowing interest rates to move sharply upwards. The risk involved is the public outcry which can be expected when mortgage rates follow the general trend upwards, bankers believe they inevitably will.

Mortgage rates have an immediate effect on rents and farm prices all over Switzerland, and so any change has a dramatic impact on the consumer price index.

The tougher anti-inflationary course taken by the national bank is thus likely to send prices up even faster in the short term. In a speech last week to parliament backing the new policy, Economy Minister Fritz Honegger said the authorities had to try to nip inflationary expectations in the bud, even at the cost of some temporary hardship.

For many Swiss, however, this resembles only too closely the arguments of governments in countries where inflation has been out of control for years. Since mortgage rates have in any case only just risen at the beginning of this month, the prospect of a further increase in the pipeline is all the more galling.

Commercial bankers say the national bank had little alternative but to pull in the reins, since weakening of the Swiss franc resulting from tight American monetary policy was stimulating inflation by making imports dearer.

However, the national bank has conceded that a fair part of the inflation has been fuelled by a boom in the domestic economy last year. This particularly affected the construction industry, where prices rose steeply because of a surplus of demand over supply and because of labor shortages.

With only 0.3 per cent of the workforce out of work, Switzerland in practice has no unemployment at a time when jobless figures are rising sharply in most of the Western industrialized world. The national bank last year applied only a moderately restrictive monetary policy, apparently fearing that a predicted leveling off of economic activity might turn into a slump and that high interest rates might cause over appreciation of the Swiss franc. It also put pressure on banks to delay the mortgage rate increase which has just come into effect. Commercial bankers say the country is now having to pay the price for this miscalculation.

Wall Street

Merger mania hits U.S. again

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) — Wall Street has come down with a new case of merger mania in the past few days.

The condition is by no means an unfamiliar one. Its symptoms were rampant in the 1960s, when ravensong conglomerates "grew" by swallowing up other companies. It cropped up again frequently in the 1970s, when many a company with cash to invest concluded that the best buy available was the depressed stock of some other business.

In the most recent outbreak, the would-be buyers in the spotlight have been oil companies and their targets have been mining companies with metals and other natural resources in the ground. It began March 5, with Standard Oil Co. of California bidding for Amax Inc., a producer of copper, lead, molybdenum, coal, potash, cobalt, iron ore, nickel, lead, zinc and tungsten, not to mention oil and gas.

This past Wednesday, Seagram Co. Ltd., the big liquor distiller that had recently sold off oil and gas properties for more than \$2 billion went after St. Joe Minerals Corp., the largest U.S. producer of lead and zinc. Then, a day later, Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) agreed to acquire Kennecott Corp., the United States' biggest copper company.

Analysts said companies like Social and Sohio were evidently mindful of the fact that while oil prices are historically high at the moment, prices of metals such as copper are depressed. Thus, the target companies are seen as potential bargains, presuming that inflation continues at a rapid rate.

Also, said Ronald Schorr, metals and mining analyst at Bear, Stearns and Co., "there is the sense that the Reagan administration will not come down hard on anti-trust." Unlike Kennecott, Amax and St. Joe blasted Seag-

ram's bid as "grossly inadequate" touching off a court fight.

But in all three cases, the stocks of the target companies soared, and the vision of big money being made sent investors scrambling after other natural-resource issues in particular, and stocks in general. Buyers bid up such other metals and mining issues as Asarco, Phelps Dodge and Newmont mining, stocks of gold and silver companies, some of the leading forest products, shares, and the mills as well.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials posted a 21.15 gain, to 985.77, in the past week, reaching the threshold of the 1,000 level briefly Friday for the first time since early January. The New York stock exchange composite index rose .05, to 76.32, and the American stock exchange market value index was up .98, at 344.41.

Japanese compacts top global auto sales

TOKYO, March 14 (AP) — Japanese compacts, led by the Toyota Corolla, captured seven of the top 15 places in world auto sales in 1980, according to a Japan auto industry survey published Friday.

The survey said 771,720 Corollas were sold worldwide in 1980, an increase of 21 per cent over the previous year, to outpace all other models for the second straight year. In second place was France's Renault-R5 with 519,851 units sold, while the Volkswagen Golf was third with 517,619 sales.

The Renault model increased sales by 39.7 per cent to jump from seventh place in 1979, but Golf sales were off 16 per cent to fall from second in third, the survey said. In fourth place was Japan's Nissan Sunny, with 506,052 units sold, followed by the General Motors Citation, 459,393 units, and the GM Chevette, 454,068 units.

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European Command may control RDF

By Susan Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 14 — The joint chiefs of staff is believed to have recommended that the secretary of defense place the Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) under the European Command in Stuttgart Germany, but to leave the RDF headquarters where it is at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

But the plan is opposed by at least one member of the joint chiefs, the commander of the RDF and some members of the Senate Armed Services Committee who believe a unified command based at sea in the Indian Ocean is best command headquarters and structure for American quick strike force. These positions were brought out in the open for the first time this week at a series of hearings before a Senate armed forces subcommittee discussing defense programs under the FY 82 budget.

The joint chiefs have been studying several new command options for the RDF including placing it under the European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, attaching it to the Pacific Command in Hawaii or creating a new command which would be located in the Gulf area, probably on a command ship.

While the tug-of-war has gone on in the top U.S. military circles over the fate of the RDF, Gen. Paul X. Kelley, the marine who has been at its helm for a year, has refrained from any public comment on his recommendation. But it has become known that Kel-

ley, at least privately, favored a new Middle East command based at sea, and this week in reply to pressure questioning from senators, Kelley in a round about way, went public with his preference for the future command structure of the quick-strike force.

Kelley who during his testimony challenged any logical person to call his command a "paper tiger", told the subcommittee members that he preferred a structure which would give "clear and clean lines of command authority." Continuing, he said the primary advantage of a new command in the Middle East would be to eliminate the problem of overlapping responsibilities with the European and Pacific commands.

Throughout his testimony, Kelley spoke confidently of the RDF's ability to deter any planned Soviet advances into the Middle East. One of the most important tasks for the RDF is to "constantly look for more and better ways to exploit Soviet vulnerabilities", said Kelley, who emphasized — as he has since becoming RDF commander — that a "credible U.S. strike force, at the very least, changes the fundamental calculus of Soviet decision-making."

While the main goal of the RDF is deterrence and the promotion of stability in the Middle East, he said the command must also have the capability to meet Soviet aggression with military force. The most difficult task for the RDF, as Kelley sees it, is to deploy sufficient combat power — troops weapons and even fuel and water — to the region timely and precisely.

Majlis votes more powers for Rajai

TEHRAN, March 14 (Agencies) — A long-standing dispute between President Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai took a turn for the worse Friday with parliament adopting legislation allowing Rajai to assume temporary responsibility for three vacant cabinet posts, rather than fill them with men picked by the president.

In protest at the change, several liberal members of parliament, who support Bani-Sadr, charged that the Rajai camp was out to deprive the presidential office of all effective powers so that its holder would resign.

They recalled that under article 130 of the constitution, presidential powers would in that case go to a three-man provisional council, made up of the president's leading opponents — Premier Rajai, Parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and Supreme Court President Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti.

According to the liberal M.P.s, because of the state of war with Iraq, presidential elections might not be held within the 50-day constitutional deadline, and the council would then have "despotic and unlimited

power". Bani-Sadr's opponents, who have assailed him for his inconclusive conduct of the war, have also accused him of engaging in an unholy alliance with the People's Mujaheddin Party (Progressive Islamic). Ayatollah Khomeini has termed the Mujaheddin "traitors to Islam".

At the Tehran prayer meeting Friday, Ayatollah Seyeb Khamenei appealed for calm, but also counselled "vigilance" against those who want to provoke "an all-out crisis in Iran."

And Qom Friday prayer leader Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, considered a potential successor to Ayatollah Khomeini, appealed for advice from the Imam.

Skirmishes broke out between Bani-Sadr's supporters and opponents and according to the Pars News Agency, 45 persons were injured. President Bani-Sadr accused strong-arm hecklers for trying to disrupt his meeting but the IRP said he "stage-managed" the clashes.

Bani-Sadr has since threatened to resign if the club-wielding men were not arrested.

People resist land seizure in West Bank

ANABTA, West Bank, March 14 (AP)

— An Israeli bulldozer has begun leveling ground for a road to a new Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank, touching off fresh tension among Palestinian landowners. Farmers and landowners tried to stop the bulldozer by blocking its path Thursday and Israeli soldiers fired shots in the air to drive them off, the mayor of this village 10 kms from the old Israeli-West Bank frontier said.

Reports that the government is stepping up its efforts to settle Jews in the West Bank before the June 30 national election have set the West Bankers on edge again, because they fear that wherever that Jews move in Arab land gets confiscated.

Anabta Mayor Waheed Hamdallah said in an interview that the army this week informed residents of three surrounding villages that 375 acres of their land were being seized for a new settlement. Hamdallah claimed that according to a map the army showed the owners, it appeared that in fact 1,000 acres were being taken. Hamdallah said the bulldozers went to work despite a promise by the Israelis to give the landowners three weeks to appeal against the expropriation.

Uluslu refuses to set poll date

ANKARA, March 14 (AP) — Turkey's prime minister Saturday again refused to set a timetable for this NATO-member nation's return to democracy.

Speaking at a news conference to mark his six-month anniversary in power, Prime Minister Bulent Uluslu said that "the Turkish nation will attain a healthy democratic regime within a reasonable period." Uluslu insisted that the nation wished to remain a member of the Council of Europe which will meet in May to decide on Turkey's continued participation.

The prime minister, who acts on the orders of the ruling five-general National Security Council, closed his prepared remarks with yet another sharp attack on France for its failure to capture Armenian terrorists who have killed five Turkish diplomats in France since 1975. None of the assassins have been captured, Uluslu said.

Turkey buried the two latest victims, Labor Counselor Resat Morali and Religious Attache Tecelli Ari Thursday. "We regret to witness that certain states do not attach due care and sensitivity to this issue (security of diplomats). Their (France's) negligence does not serve any other purpose than that of encouraging murders and causing new incidents each day with ever-increasing victims."

Jailed for 'defiance'

Israeli soldier refuses to serve in West Bank

TEL AVIV, March 14 (AP) — Gadi Elgazi, a 19-year-old private in Israeli Army who was cited for excellence by his commander, sits in a military prison. He refused to serve in occupied Arab territory.

The slogan "Free Gadi Elgazi" is daubed on walls in Tel Aviv. Local artists and performers have dedicated shows to the dark-haired young man, and the controversy has spread so far afield that even Americans are writing letters to local newspapers and a group of French intellectuals is pushing Elgazi's cause in pages.

Elgazi was sentenced in January to a year in prison for refusing to join his tank unit in the occupied West Bank. At his military trial, he cited his opposition to the exiling of local Arabs, the demolition of houses suspected of harboring commandos and the shooting of student rioters. He quoted from American pacifist Henry David Thoreau and the works of Israeli writers to support his case.

In a country where the three-year-military stint is seen as a matter of national survival, Elgazi's battle has sparked a furious controversy between those who think an allowance should be made for him, and the military which fears it would set a dangerous precedent. Leading liberals like civil rights crusader Shulamit Aloni have urged the military to consider the wishes of selective conscientious objectors like Elgazi as it does religious Jews and pacifists.

Elgazi belongs to a group of draft-age youths who have declared their opposition to serving in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 1.2 million Palestinians live. Some members of "Group of 27" as they call themselves, have been drafted but have finished

basic training, and others will be drafted this summer.

In their manifesto, the 27 wrote that they rejected "an occupation that turns our people into oppressed." They said service in the captured areas "goes against our consciences and our political convictions."

Elgazi might be better off if he was totally opposed to military service. He would then qualify for special treatment as a pacifist. But Elgazi wants very much to be a soldier, and so far he has been cited for excellence in his service.

Although he belongs to a family of rigidly pro-Moscow Communists, no one has tried to exploit this country's rampant anti-Soviet sentiment to silence him.

To television viewers, Elgazi comes across as a clean-cut, likeable youth — certainly no rabble-rousing subversive. His teachers testified in court that he was a model pupil whose only political action was a refusal to join a school hike through the West Bank. The supreme court says the sincerity of his struggle is unquestionable.

Although the supreme court rejected his appeal, it urged the army to find a solution to the problem of Israelis like Elgazi, who are believed to number no more than 100.

The military says Elgazi's stand is based on politics, not conscience. "The political problems should be resolved by the government, and not the army," says Brig. Gen. Dov Shefi, the military advocate-general. Shefi insists the objectors are "violating the basic element of armed forces service: that a soldier undertakes to serve and obey all orders and go anywhere his commanders send him."

BRIEFS

MOGADISHU, (R) — Two bridges on the main road from Mogadishu to the northern port of Berbera have been blown up, travelers said Friday and groups opposed to the Somali government have claimed responsibility.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Up to 50 Soviet military personnel have been sent to Chad to assist the Libyan-backed government in that country, a State Department official said Friday. According to the official, who asked not to be identified, the Soviets are believed to be training Libyan or Chadian technical personnel.

THE HAGUE, (R) — The International Court of Justice will start hearings March 19 on a request by Malta to intervene in a dispute before the court between Tunisia and Libya over the delimitation of their Continental Shelf, the court said Saturday.

MUSCAT, (AP) — Former U.S. President Gerald Ford arrived Friday on a three-day

private visit to Oman, the first leg in a Gulf tour that also was to take him to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Leading a delegation of assistants and businessmen, Ford was greeted at the airport by Dr. Omar Al-Zaawi, adviser to Sultan Qaboos.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli military authorities have banned residents of the occupied Gaza town in the occupied Gaza Strip from traveling to Jordan, military sources said Friday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Arab teachers on the Israeli occupied West Bank will return to work Monday-ending a two-month strike for higher pay which left 250,000 Arab children out of school, Arab sources said Friday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — The United States intends to participate in the building of five nuclear reactors in Israel for power and water desalination purposes, the newspaper *Haaretz* said.

Afghan group contacts deposed king

NEW DELHI, March 14 (AFP) — An Afghan intellectual group is quietly working to form an organization — not hostile to the Soviet Union — which it claims could ensure withdrawal of Soviet troops and the formation of a popular government bere without further bloodshed, an Afghan source said.

Deposed Afghan monarch Muhammad Zahir Shah, toppled in 1973 after a 40-year reign and now living in exile in Italy, is being contacted by the group either to lead or join the organization, said Syed Muhammad Moivwand, a New Delhi-based Afghan leader.

The new organization, the first of its kind since Soviet troops marched into Afghanistan in December 1979, will be different in character and functioning from other fighter groups, said Moivwand, who heads the Afghan liberation organization.

A ranking leader of an opposition party in Afghanistan met the 67-year-old former Afghan King in his four-bedroom villa north of Rome in January and, as the group's representative, informed him of the plans, Moivwand said.

A formal offer to Zahir Shah, who was ousted from power in a July 1973 coup led by his cousin, former Prime Minister Muhammad Daud, will be made later this month, and the organization is expected to be formed by the beginning of April, he said.

India to train Malaysian Air Force men

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (AP) — The Indian Air Force hopes to have close cooperation primarily in the field of training with the Royal Malaysian Air Force, Indian Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal I.H. Latif said here Friday. Air forces in the world, he said, have common experiences and as such the Indian Air Force plans to exchange ideas of mutual benefit with the Malaysian Air Force.

Latif said the Indian Air Force would be willing to provide training to Malaysian test pilots and also training in the field of professional courses. He said despite the limited capabilities, the Indian Air Force would welcome officers and men from friendly countries, like Malaysia, for training purposes.

The Indian Air Force has air crew and technicians based in Singapore to help the Singapore Air Force, and it would like to extend this form of cooperation to other countries, he said. Latif said he had also discussed the possibility of exchanging visits with Malaysian and Indian officers and men.

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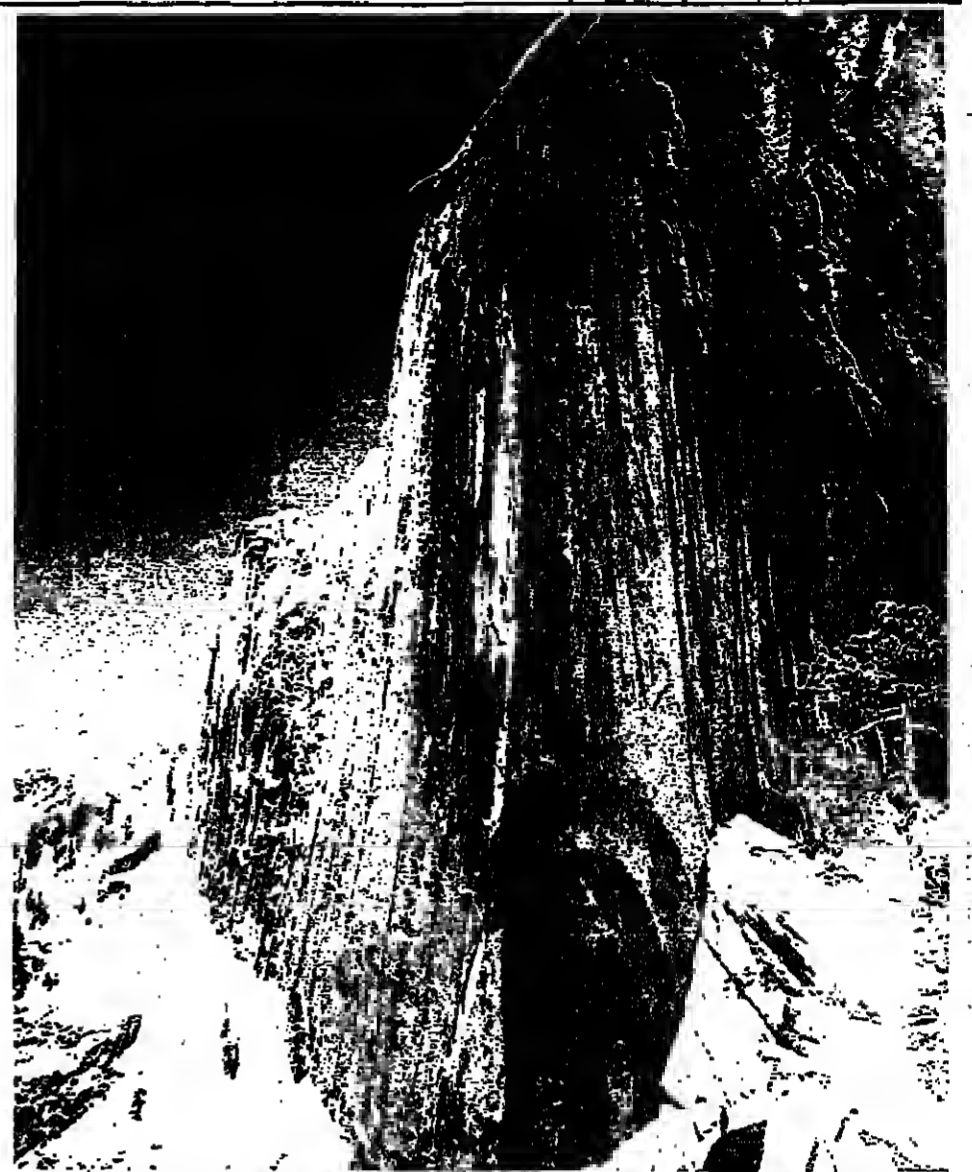
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EXHIBITION: Among the prints to be exhibited in Riyadh are (at left) Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park in 1946 and (at right) Monolith, the Face of Half Dome, also taken in Yosemite National Park in 1927.

Noted American photographer's works go on display

Special to Arab News

RIYADH, March 14 — "I observe something that excites me. I take a photograph and give it to you. If it starts something in you, stimulates you, I've done my work." Thus, Ansel Adams describes the technique that has made him one of America's most creative photographers.

For almost 70 years, Ansel Adams has photographed the natural beauty of the United States. On March 14, an exhibition of his work, entitled *Ansel Adams: Photographs of the American West*, opened in Riyadh's

Muraba Palace. The show will run three weeks and is co-sponsored by the Department of Antiquities and Ethnography, Ministry of Education. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Friday. Women's hours are on Tuesdays.

The stop is one on a one-and-a-half-year tour which includes showings in Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, New Delhi and Syria. However, the photographer wasn't able to attend because of a recent operation.

Exhibit organizer James Alinder of Carmel, California, explained in a recent inter-

view that the exhibit will include Ansel Adams's most important contributions in landscape photography. "We went through several thousand photos and selected what I think will best represent a fairly wide range of work from 1927 through 1963," Alinder said. "One of the things I think is most important is that people will be able to recognize not just a beautiful scene but the angle, clarity, direction and lighting which makes the photo work."

Ansel Adams has created luminous and profound photographs of the western American landscape over the past 60 years. Most of the 46 landscape photographs in the exhibition were made in the wilderness areas of his native state of California; the rest are from other locations in the western United States. By the time Ansel Adams was born, early in this century, much of the country's original wilderness had been tamed by an industrial nation rapidly expanding westward to the Pacific Ocean.

It was not until after mid-century that a decline of wilderness conservation ethic became a publicly fashionable concern. Adams, however, had observed the decline of wilderness areas early in his career and began a lifelong battle for conservation action.

Although Adams has photographed a great variety of subjects during his career, this exhibition presents only his landscape work since it is that group which represents the most significant aspect of his multifaceted contribution to the history of photography. Rather than literal translations of what existed in front of the camera, these landscape photographs are personal expressions of that external reality. In their exquisite perfection they are the result of Adams' sharply incisive vision, active intuition, precise sense of composition and disciplined technique. They represent a lifetime of distinguished and coherent camera work.



Ansel Adams in Yosemite Valley



Sentinel Rock, Winter Dusk, Yosemite National Park, California, 1944



Aspens, Northern New Mexico, 1958



Dunes, Oceano, California, 1963

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HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH!

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 ♥ A J 5 2
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ K 5 4

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 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A Q 8 7 2

WEST
 ♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ 10 7 4
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ J 10 9 6 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A K Q 9 8 7 6 2
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West Immaterial East ♠ A J 8 ♣ K Q 8 ♣ A

South ♠ K Q 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 9 6 ♣ 6

The bidding:
 South West North East
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Opening lead - jack of clubs.

East cannot find a suitable discard. He surely cannot spare the ace of clubs and must therefore choose between a spade or heart discard.

1. If he elects to discard a spade, you play a heart to the ace and return the seven of spades from dummy, thus assuring two spade tricks whatever East does.

2. If he elects to discard a heart, you lead a heart from your hand and play the five from dummy. You later score two heart tricks to make the contract.

Either way, East cannot bear the pressure you apply and must concede the contract.

On the bidding, it seems likely that East has practical-

Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake
FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
 Catch up on neglected household tasks. Deceptive trends prevail at a distance. Evening favors dating and having good times.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
 Social life is favored, but not everything you hear now will be true. Evening hours favor home life and making new plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
 Don't be careless with valuables. You'll have a chance to improve your income and status in the community. Enjoy p.m. visiting.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
 Psychosomatic complaints are possible. Travel and distant interests are favored. The p.m. may bring a new job or money opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
 You may be puzzled about a child's welfare. Hold money matters in confidence. Try something different for fun tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
 A home situation may concern you. Social life and partnerships should provide

pleasure. Evening favors quiet home pastimes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
 Don't trust hearsay. Investigate matters for yourself. Initiative brings career rewards. An unexpected invitation lights up the p.m.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
 Be careful of valuables, especially if traveling. You'll make excellent career contacts now. Look for chances to increase income.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Watch out for self-deception and wishful thinking. Counter a daydreaming tendency with affirmative action. Seek intellectual stimulation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
 Don't give way to self-doubt about a romantic situation. Heart-to-heart talks bring positive results. Be willing to vary routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
 Friends and money don't mix favorably. You may want to catch up on some office work. New friends make for an interesting p.m.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
 To avert misunderstandings, double-check with a higher-up. Sports and exercise prove invigorating. A new work opportunity may arise.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Impudence
 5 Jumbo
 10 U.S. tennis
 11 Far-fetched
 12 Uncommon
 13 Isolate
 14 I love (Lat.)
 16 Sailor
 17 Come to pass
 19 Famed soprano
 20 - qua non
 21 French angel
 22 Yearned
 24 Rome's river
 25 Voucher
 26 San Juan
 27 Israeli dance
 28 Marked down
 31 "There - Such Things"
 32 Uninteresting
 33 Tjader of jazz note
 34 Body of Jewish law
 36 Vegetable
 37 Woman of Astolat
 38 Token
 39 Kind of chair
 40 Caution
 DOWN
 1 Conductor
 Caldwell

2 Honstru
3 Housman's
4 Meet a bet
5 Penny
6 French friend
7 Role for
8 Chestert Morris
9 More wary
10 Queen (Fr.)
11 Curvature
12 Michel-angelo work
13 Bucket handles
14 Aeneas' friend
15 Work for voices
16 Wee... or James
17 Great number
18 Sizable
19 African beast
20 Josephine, Irene
21 or James
22 Farrow
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 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FACTS THAT ARE NOT FRANKLY FACED HAVE A HABIT OF STABBING US IN THE BACK. - HAROLD BOWDEN

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Housing complex destroyed

People flee Ahwaz after Iraqi attacks

TEHRAN, March 14 (Agencies) — Thousands of civilians have fled from the Iranian provincial capital of Ahwaz after an Iraqi missile attack which destroyed a housing complex and killed at least 13 persons, Ahwaz residents have reported. According to official accounts, Ahwaz was hit Tuesday night by Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles, the most powerful rockets so far used in the six-month Gulf war between Iraq and Iran.

Contacted by telephone, residents said thousands of people had fled Ahwaz since the attack and the city was virtually abandoned by its civilian population every night for fear of fresh bombardment.

"So far, all Iraqi missile attacks on Khuzestan province have come at night," said an official at the governor-general's office. "That is why most of the people of Ahwaz leave the city in the evening and pass the night sleeping in their cars, in villages, in the open air." The oil-producing province of Khuzestan has been a major combat zone in the Gulf war since Iraq invaded Iran last Sept. 22.

No estimates were given of the number of civilians left in Ahwaz, a city of about 200,000, but one official said the present population equaled that of the first weeks of the war — when the Iraqi onslaught prompted a vast trek of refugees from Khuzestan. There have been few first-hand reports from the embattled province because foreign correspondents are banned from traveling there independently, and officially-organized trips to the area have been rare.

Soyuz docks with Salyut

MOSCOW, March 14 (AP) — The Soyuz T-4 spacecraft carrying two Soviet cosmonauts docked late Friday with the orbiting Salyut-6 space station, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday.

Cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyonek and Viktor Savinykh, who were fired into orbit Thursday night on the first Soviet manned space shot of the year, boarded Salyut-6 after checking the airtightness of the docking unit, Tass said.

Both men were "feeling well" and the flight is "proceeding normally" following the link-up at 20:33 GMT, the news agency said. The cosmonauts will check on board systems and equipment and carry out maintenance and replace instruments and devices "to ensure the station's further operation in the piloted mode."

During its three and a half years in orbit, the Salyut-6 space station has been visited by 13 cosmonaut crews, including six teams that included members from allied Soviet nations. Kovalyonek and Savinykh will also unload the Progress-12 supply ship which was linked to the space station when they arrived, Tass said.

Their mission involves studies of the earth's natural resources and technological, astrophysical and medical-biological research, the agency said. The Soviets have not reported how long the flight will last, but Western observers speculated that the crew may remain in orbit at least through April 12, the 21th anniversary of history's first manned space flight by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin in 1961.

Kovalyonek, a 39-year-old air force pilot, is making his third space journey following missions in 1977 and 1978. Savinykh, a 41-year-old engineer, is on his first mission.

Angolan rebel group threatens reprisals

PARIS, March 14 (AFP) — The Angolan rebel movement UNITA has threatened reprisals following the death sentences handed out to 18 of its supporters in Luanda last week. A UNITA communique received by AFP Friday described the death sentences as an "intolerable escalation of the violence" in the country, and "reserved the right to carry out reprisals."

Reporting the court sentences last week, the official news agency Angop said the condemned people had been found guilty of bomb attacks for UNITA and its leader Jonas Savimbi. Last August UNITA said it had killed 15 government soldiers in reprisal for the execution of nine of its own members in the central province of Huambo.

Pharao town unearthed

CAIRO, March 14 (AFP) — British archeologists have unearthed a town dating from the 18th Pharaonic dynasty in the Minya region 250 kms south of Cairo, the daily *Gumhuriya* reported here Saturday.

The town, which lodged laborers and craftsmen working at Tel El Amarna on tombs for the family of the Pharaoh Akhenaton (1380-1362 B.C.), was built on two levels: the first devoted to housing and the second incorporating four galleries bearing Hieratic script and leading to places of worship.

The newspaper said that the digging which brought the town site to light had begun five years ago in a 110 km square area at the village of El Houla.

"Many of the people hurry out of the city as soon as their work is finished," said one resident. "Most of the population now consists of men. Women and children have been sent to safer places." Although residents reported shortages of some goods, such as cooking oil, they said there were no serious supply problems. "We have enough food," one resident said. "Some things are in short supply, of course, but we have to accept this in a war."

Communiqués broadcast by the state-run radios in Baghdad and Tehran indicated heavy fighting around the oil-refining city of Ahwaz, focal point of battle in the early stages of the war.

Tehran radio reported that Iraqi warplanes strafed the city of Ahwaz, killing eight persons and injuring a number of others. A travel agency and a number of houses were damaged, the report said.

Iran also claimed to have sunk an Iraqi gunboat in the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway and the official Pars news agency said that Iranian forces fire to a petrochemical complex in the Iraqi port city of Basra.

An Iraqi communique said that Iraqi forces used mortars and artillery to pound Ahwaz and that 12 Iraqis were killed in fighting around the city.

Meanwhile, Iraqi forces killed 101 Iraqis and lost nine men in fighting in 24 hours, the Iraqi news agency said Friday night. Ousting a military communique, the agency said the Iraqis lost 45 men in Gilan-e-Gharb, in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah, 12 in the Ahwaz area, and the rest at other sectors of the front.

During the same period, a communique said, one tank, six other military vehicles, three cannon and three trucks were destroyed.



FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE: Members of Friends of the Earth dump one ton of bones on the steps of the department of environment in London Thursday to protest trade in endangered and vulnerable species. Unless government policies are changed, they claim, millions of creatures like wild cats, elephants and crocodiles will be killed for luxury products and petty ornaments.

Polish union leaders try to defuse strike threats

WARSAW, March 14 (Agencies) — Independent union leaders from Warsaw and Gdansk have rushed to Radom in central Poland in an effort to defuse the threat of new strikes there, a union spokesman said. Union leader Lech Walesa was expected in Radom Monday to add his voice to appeals for restraint.

Angry independent unionists in Radom, site of riots over a government meat price increase in 1976, have announced plans for a warning strike next Wednesday to be followed by a general strike in the entire province on March 23 if the government failed to negotiate demands stemming primarily from the 1976 riots.

"Social tension in Radom" was the subject of a front page article in Warsaw's leading newspaper *Zycie Warszawy* Friday, along with the news that a plenary session of the local Communist Party would be held there Monday, one day before the deadline set by Radom unionists for negotiations to begin.

The article noted that the strike was proclaimed over demands for a probe into responsibility for the events of June 1976, adding that the union had demanded changes in local party leaders.

They are also demanding an end to harassment of union members and the transfer of two buildings built for the interior ministry to public health services.

Riots broke out earlier this week in the industrial city when some students were beaten up. The riots prompted the formation of the Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR), of which Adam Michnik and another dissident detained last week, Jacek Kuron, are members. Michnik was told Thursday to report to police three times a week and told he would be arrested if he failed to report or left the city. Solidarity said in a communique. Michnik reportedly refused to comply, but was released after three hours.

The Polish Roman Catholic church has appealed to the government and labor unions for "order, discipline and patience" in the "difficult situation" in which the country currently finds itself.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union suggested Friday that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was organizing the smuggling of printing equipment to Poland's Solidarity trade union to aid efforts aimed at undermining Communist rule. A report by the official Tass news agency published in *Pravda* and broadcast by Moscow Radio said the despatch of the equipment was part of a picture of growing interference by "American reaction" in Polish affairs.



COCKING HIS RIFLE: A Salvadoran soldier dressed in civilian clothes cocks his rifle as he begins his patrol duty in the heart of San Salvador Thursday. A civil war is going on in that country between the civilian and military juntas on one side and leftist guerrillas on the other.

**Haig sees no escalation
Salvador mediation rejected**

SAN SALVADOR, March 14 (Agencies) — President Jose Napoleon Duarte has said he was ready to start talks with left-wing forces to restore peace to strife-torn El Salvador but he rejected mediation offers. "Negotiations would have to take place here, without mediators," he told a news conference.

The Socialist International and an international grouping of Christian Democratic parties, to which Duarte's own party is affiliated, have offered to mediate in the civil war which has killed 15,000 people over the past 14 months.

Duarte rejected Friday a mediation offer from the Organization of American States (OAS), saying it was not legally empowered to act in a situation such as El Salvador's. He said his government opposed a military solution to the conflict and favored instead what he called the electoral way.

Earlier this month the government announced general elections for 1982. "We are seeking democratic solutions such as the far-reaching reforms carried out so far," Duarte said in a reference to a land reform introduced last year in an effort to undermine

peasant support for the left.

The left charges the reforms have failed to bring social justice. The right denounces them as Marxist and revolutionary. Duarte accused the left of insubordination and the right of waging a losing battle to return "to the past in order to recover its privileges."

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr., said Friday there has been a definite slowdown in smuggled arms to El Salvador from Cuba and there is evidence that the guerrillas are running short of ammunition. But Haig said that while arms flows from Cuba through Nicaragua have slowed, Cuba may be looking for other routes to supply the leftist guerrillas who are fighting the El Salvadoran government.

In a breakfast meeting with reporters, Haig was firm in declaring that the dispatch of 15 members of the U.S. Green Berets to El Salvador from Panama does not represent another escalation of U.S. involvement there. He said they are part of the contingent of 20 military advisers the United States had previously announced. "These are not over and above what he announced," he said.

N.Korean plea rejected

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AFP) — The U.S. State Department has rejected a request by North Korean observers at United Nations headquarters to come to Washington, partly because of what the Reagan administration feels have been insults from Pyongyang.

A State Department spokesman said Friday that "crude invective" had been hurled at the U.S. administration and President Reagan personally by the North Korean government.

The observers wanted to attend an international trade conference here sponsored by the U.N. and the World Bank. North Korea is a member of neither sponsoring organization, the State Department spokesman noted. North Korea and the United States do not maintain diplomatic relations and the North Korean observers are not authorized to leave New York city.

America suspends food aid to Maputo

WASHINGTON, March 14 (R) — State Department officials say the United States has held up \$5 million in good aid to Mozambique because of what they call recent provocative political acts against American citizens. The move, which has disclosed Friday, follows Mozambique's expulsion last week of four U.S. diplomats and the American wives of two of them.

Mozambique charged they were part of a U.S. spy network while Washington alleged one of the diplomats was detained by Cuba who tried vainly to get him to spy for the U.S.

The officials said the credit for the food aid would be withheld while the United States assessed its position. Washington, an official said, might cancel the credit.

It dates only from last 4 and allows Mozambique government to buy wheat and rice under the U.S. food for peace program according to the U.S. Agriculture Department. U.S. officials said that because Mozambique had no diplomatic mission in Washington and there was virtually no U.S. aid there, the only way to retaliate the expulsion of the Americans was to suspend the food aid.

A State Department spokesman also said Friday that a U.S. citizen was believed to have been detained in Mozambique during the past two days and the department seriously concerned. He declined to reveal any further details because of the U.S. Privacy Act prohibiting publication without relatives' permission.

Mozambique charged last week that the expelled Americans were part of a U.S. Central Intelligence Agency network which supplied South Africa with information from the African National Congress (ANC).

M.P. deserts Thatcher over budget

LONDON, March 14 (AP) — A Conservative member of parliament, saying Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's new austerity budget was the "last straw," announced Friday that he would not run again as a member of her party.

The statement by Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, a member of the Conservative Party in parliament since 1970, was seen as a major setback to Mrs. Thatcher's attempt to gain parliamentary support for the high-tax budget. The budget, announced Tuesday, sharply increased taxes of liquor, cigarettes and fuel while providing only minor relief to industry. It has been widely criticized.

Brocklebank-Fowler's announcement raised doubts whether Mrs. Thatcher would be able to stave off a revolt within her own party when debate on the budget ends Monday with a vote.

Brocklebank-Fowler, 47, a rank-and-file party legislator representing a rural district and a frequent critic of Mrs. Thatcher, told his constituents in the Norfolk northwest district, he had "considerable opposition to much of this government's economic policy (and) to this budget."

He said he would formally announce his decision in the House of Commons but refused to disclose until then whether he would join the Social-Democrats, the party newly formed by leading Labor Party dissidents. If he does, he will be the first Tory to desert in favor of the middle-of-the-road group.

In a related development, leaders of the Confederation of British Industry, which represents 20,000 businesses, told Mrs. Thatcher that many companies would close down as a result of the budget.

2 wounded in settling scores in Milan jail

MILAN, March 14 (AFP) — A prisoner had his throat cut and another had serious stab wounds after an apparent settlement accounts in a Milan jail.

Antonino Bufano was found on the fifth floor landing with his throat slashed Friday afternoon, prison officials said.

Vito Damone, 27, was found in his cell with stab wounds at about the same time. Both prisoners were serving sentences for criminal offenses. Police investigating the attack believe "punishment" for some "misdeed" was behind the attacks.

Mt. Helens shudders

VANCOUVER, Washington, March (AP) — Mount St. Helens shuddered with small "seismic bursts" of earth tremors early Friday, then fell silent again, Scientists reported Saturday.

The burst lasted 40 seconds and probably was caused by a steam emission or avalanche, said Dave Peckham, spokesman for the University of Washington geophysics center. A similar burst occurred early Tuesday.

A steam plume barely cleared the rim of the volcano's crater Friday, said a U.S. forest service spokesman.

Police fire at rioting Indians

NEW DELHI, March 14 (AP) — Fresh violence erupted Friday in the riot-ravaged western city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat state, when police fired at a rock-throwing mob, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

One woman was wounded in the firing and a police official was hospitalized with severe head injuries in the stone-throwing, UNI said.

No fatalities were reported and the death toll in six weeks of a youth-led agitation remained at 32. The students are demanding the abolition of reservation of places for Hindu untouchables or outcasts and tribals from government employment and educational institutions.

Earlier in the day, police fired teargas shells at rioters who attacked them with rocks at Ahmedabad, 450 kms north of Bombay. One policeman was hurt in the incident, UNI said.

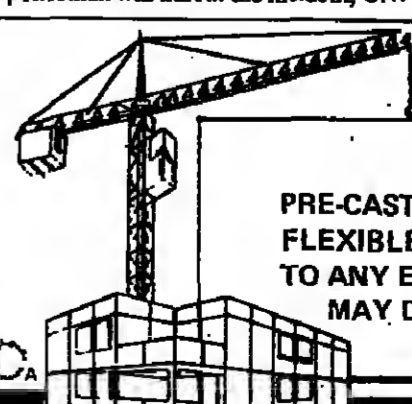
Clashes between mobs and police also were reported from at least two other Gujarat townships where eight policemen were injured.

In an unrelated incident Friday, a hand leader reportedly gunned down five village men in Gwalior district, central India, in apparent retaliation against the slaying of his brother. UNI said that Pan Singh, the "dacoit" brigand leader, and his followers bound the five men with ropes and then shot them. The gang also set several huts ablaze at Pav village.

The news agency said that Singh, a former national athlete and army soldier who turned to crime several years ago, suspected the villagers had tipped off the police last November and helped set up an ambush in which his brother, Matadi, was killed.

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